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FEAR OF TROUBLE IN AMOY.

Protest Against Japan Sending Troops.

STUDENT PROCESSION TO-MORROW.

Trouble Not Anticipated in Kulangsu.

Anxiety is being felt in Amoy regarding the possible results of a student procession to be held to-morrow as a protest against the sending of Japanese troops to China and the Shameen incident of 1925.

Fears are entertained that the students may get out of hand as agitators have been very busy of late. However, trouble is not anticipated in the foreign settlement where there will be no procession.

DANGER OF FERMENT.

Agitators Ready to Incite Students.

Amoy, June 21. Some apprehension is felt locally regarding a procession which is to be held on Thursday as a protest against the despatch of Japanese troops and to commemorate the Shameen incident of 1925. It is thought that the students may get out of hand as agitators have been busy in the district recently.

The position on the adjacent island of Kulangsu is more settled.

"A COMPLETE REST."

Why Dr. Wellington Koo Resigned.

In a letter to his announcing his resignation of the premiership, Dr. Wellington Koo said: "My old ailment, indigestion, has returned and has caused me much distress. Both Chinese and foreign doctors say that it is deep-rooted and medicines will be of no avail unless I take a complete rest."

and it is understood that no procession will take place there, no trouble being anticipated by the Consular bodies.

Cable Workers' Strike. The Great Northern Telegraph Company employees are on strike and foreign telegrams are being worked by the foreign staff.

No settlement has yet been arrived at between Foochow shopkeepers and the Government regarding the murder of one of their members by a taxpayer's escort. The shops remain closed and feeling runs high. — British Naval Wireless.

Lull in the War.

Shanghai, June 21. There have been no further developments in the war areas, the various parties apparently awaiting the outcome of the various negotiations which are said to be in progress. The evacuation of foreign companies' oil stores from Ichang is now complete. — British Naval Wireless.

Hostilities Suspended.

Shanghai, June 21. General Chiang Kai-shek has ordered his subordinates who have advanced in Shantung to suspend military movements until the Military Conference has taken place.

This order has come at an opportune moment for the Shantung forces, who are without reinforcements and therefore unable to defend their line or counter-attack. — Hong Kong Evening Post.

GRAVE LIBEL.

Labour Member Expresses His Regret.

London, June 21. In the House of Commons, Mr. Wellock (Labour), in a personal explanation, said he had made inquiry on the subject of his question last week with regard to young Chinese girls in troop centres and had ascertained that his information was untrue. Consequently he regretted that he had asked the question. (Cheers). — Reuter.

BOYCOTT URGED.

Manila Chinese and Japanese Troops.

Manila, June 22. Manila Chinese are calling China Coast cities urging an anti-Japanese boycott in retaliation for the presence of Japanese troops in North China. — Reuter.

JAPAN'S ANXIETY.

Reasons for the Despatch of Troops.

The Japanese Minister, acknowledging the receipt of the protest of Dr. Wellington Koo, made on June 1, said:—

Disturbance in China has grown more and more intense of late, and in spite of repeated declarations made by the Chinese authorities concerned, the life and property of foreigners have been endangered, and their rights which they are entitled to be protected in virtue of the existing treaties and international law, are infringed upon. Regrettable as we are, we are constrained to say that such is the state of affairs prevailing in China. Already in Nanking, Hankow and other places, the life and property were greatly endangered, and in some instances even Japan's national honour was impaired. The disturbance now spreading and threatening to involve North China in it, no one can dare foretell that incidents of the afore-mentioned inauspicious nature will not take place again.

In consequence of the past history, Japan has about 20,000 nationals residing at Tientsin, beside many Japanese subjects engaging in lawful business at various places along the Shantung Railway, at Tsinan there are living nearly 2,000 Japanese. Now that the war cloud is about to spread near Tsinan, the Imperial Government having great responsibility for the life and property of their nationals, it is quite inevitable for them to take effective self-defence measures, in view of the above-mentioned conditions consequent upon the disturbances, within the scope and period necessary for the protection of their lives and property.

STOLEN JUNK?

TAKEN FROM SAN MEI HARBOUR.

ARRESTS AT CHEUNG CHAU.

The alleged theft of a junk at San Mei (between Hong Kong and Swatow) formed the subject of a charge against four men in the Criminal Sessions this morning.

The Crown Solicitor, Mr. H. K. Holmes, explained that the Crown could not prosecute in respect of an alleged theft outside the Colony unless the allegedly stolen property was brought into British waters, and the junk in question had put into Cheung Chau three days after the incidents in question at San Mei, the Police going on board and arresting the men in question.

From the evidence, it appeared that the junk in respect of which the charge was made was lying with others close to the shore at San Mei when five men with cloths over their heads suddenly boarded it late at night. The master and one of his men who were sleeping on deck were bundled into the hold where two other of the crew were sleeping, and the hatchway was closed on them. The junk then sailed and the master and crew were put off in the junk's boat when an hour or so out of San Mei. They made their way to the shore and made a report and, in consequence on information received, the Police boarded the junk when it was at Cheung Chau three days later, arresting four men who were on board.

Prisoners Plead Ignorance.

The four prisoners all pleaded ignorance of the fact that the junk was stolen and stated that they had been engaged as members of the

A LAST THROW.

Canton Police Control Seamen.

PICKETING STOPPED.

The picketing of the Steamboat Company's s.s. "Fatahan" which led to passengers being intimidated from embarking on that vessel when it left Canton yesterday morning appears to have been the "last throw" of extremists who were members of the now suppressed Chinese Seamen's Union.

The picketing was only possible through the suddenness with which it was arranged, the Police officials in Canton not being aware of the action taken.

Precautions were taken against a repetition of the picketing and the completeness of the counter action was apparent in the return to normal in the passengers and cargo brought down from Canton on the s.s. "Taishan" yesterday evening and the s.s. "Kinsan" which arrived early this afternoon.

That passengers and the loyal crew of the "Leungshan" which replaced the crew which was dismissed, consider they have nothing to fear from the extremists now that the Union has been suppressed, was evident from the fact that the "Leungshan" which sailed from Hong Kong last night left with a good number of passengers and a crew consisting of many men who remained loyal during the strike.

The action of the Steamboat Company in dismissing the "Leungshan" crew (consisting of Union men who had given considerable trouble) was made possible by the suppression of the Chinese Seamen's Union. It was the dismissal of these men on Monday night that led to the picketing on the "Fatahan."

FACTORY DISASTER.

FORTY BODIES FOUND IN THE RUINS.

New York, June 21. Forty bodies up to the present have been recovered from the ruins of the textile factory near Medellin in Colombia. — Reuter's American Service.

[A New York cable dated June 20 stated:—The bodies of twenty dead have been taken from the ruins of a textile plant at Rosellon near Medellin, Colombia, which collapsed on Saturday during a landslide. Over a hundred persons working in the mill were buried in the wreckage but it is reported that a number were removed alive.]

crew by a fifth man who at the time they had been arrested was ashore at Cheung Chau attempting to sell the cargo of charcoal carried by the junk.

The Police had made endeavours to trace this man (whose name was given as Yeung Kong), and the Crown Solicitor, but had failed to find him.

One of the prisoners admitted that he had seen two men sleeping on deck and that the fifth man had told them to go below but said were passengers and that they would be disembarking at a village a short way out of San Mei. The men, according to prisoner, had gone below willingly and appeared to leave the ship willingly.

Another prisoner said that he realised that Yeung Kong had deceived them and had actually pirated the boat when one of the men who had been made to go below asked that he might take the junk's account books with him when he and the others were cast adrift in the boat. But prisoner had no alternative but to carry on, he stated, owing to fear that Yeung Kong would attempt violence towards him.

The other prisoners all said that they went on board as crew and without knowledge that the junk was being stolen. One stated that the fifth man had told them that the four men who were already on the junk were a former crew and that was why he had replaced them and put them adrift.

One of the prisoners said that he thought that Yeung Kong was stealing the junk never entered his head, as there were hundreds of small craft around at the time and if anyone had called out, the water Police would have come on board in no time.

The case is proceeding.

DOCTOR ASSAULTED.

Indian Policeman Fined \$100.

MOTOR TRAFFIC INCIDENT.

Simply remarking "defendant must be convicted. In view of his record he will not be sent to jail, but must pay a fine of \$100" the first police magistrate, Mr. R. E. Lindsell disposed of a case which occupied the morning session at the Magistracy to-day.

It was a case in which two totally dissimilar stories were told by the only two persons concerned, a European doctor and an Indian traffic policeman.

The doctor, Mr. Alexander Cannon, attached to the Prison Department, charging the Indian with assault, said that at about 7.45 on Monday evening last he was driving a Government car from Happy Valley in the direction of Morrison Hill. On approaching Stubbs Road corner he saw that the traffic light was against him, and he pulled up about 10 yards from corner. At the moment no cars were coming in the other direction. Half a minute later three cars came along from the town end, and the light being in their favour, they went up Stubbs Road.

"How Much Longer?"

At this point, said the doctor, he sounded his hooter several times as the light still remained "red." He then shouted to the policeman on traffic duty: "How much longer do you want me to stay here?" Then the light was turned to green.

Witness said he heard a lot of language in a native tongue from the policeman, who was still at his post and shouting furiously. Witness thereupon alighted and went to see what the policeman wanted. The policeman, he said, was furious, and he (the doctor) asked him his number, intending to report him.

Alleged Blows.

As the policeman made no reply, the doctor approached him in order to see what the number was, and then received a blow on the left side of the face which knocked his glasses to the ground, completely smashing them. And whilst the doctor bent down to look for them, he received a blow across the back from a truncheon. On looking up the policeman had the truncheon in his left hand.

As the policeman appeared to be in rather a dangerous and excited state, the doctor did not retaliate, but drove to No. 2 Police Station and reported the matter.

On Tempers.

Cross-examined by Mr. C. A. S. Russ, who appeared for the policeman, the doctor said he took pains to secure the constable's number as it would have been of no use going to the police station without it. He admitted that the man was on traffic point duty but denied that he had sent in a lot of complaints to the police regarding traffic matters.

The Magistrate: I am not surprised if he has!

Here ensued a lively argument between counsel and Dr. Cannon regarding people who lose their tempers. The doctor contended that a busy medical man or a busy lawyer never had time to lose his temper. He (Dr. Cannon) never lost his temper when this affair was happening.

Good Character.

Mr. Russ said the constable had been in the Force five years and bore an excellent character. He had been specially trained as a traffic policeman, a department into which the Police put their best men. He had passed with a percentage of 79.5.

The case for the defence, continued Mr. Russ, was that the doctor asked the policeman to come to the car, and when he refused anything, took hold of him by the shoulder and wrenched his shoulder strap off. It was hard to believe that an Indian constable would strike a European. He (counsel) said he had never heard of it happening, and he had been here some years. Even when there was any trouble with sailors outside bars, the Indian police

TRAGIC MYSTERY.

Traces of Missing French Aviator.

WRECK OF A PLANE FOUND.

Rio de Janeiro, June 21.

A fisherman has discovered the wreckage of an aeroplane at the mouth of the Amazon believed to be that of St. Roman. — Reuter's American Service.

Petrol Gives Out.

Paris, June 21.

The experts express the opinion that the marks mentioned in the Rio de Janeiro discovery are those of St. Roman's machine.

They also express the opinion that the aviator's petrol was finished and he was forced to descend into the ocean in darkness and so perished. — Reuter.

A London cable dated May 7 stated:—Mystery surrounds the fate of the French aviator, Captain de Saint Roman, who left St. Louis, near Dakar, on the morning of Thursday, on a non-stop flight to Brazil, discarding his floats, in spite of the French Air Ministry forbidding him to do so. It is suggested that he may have landed on an isolated spot on the Brazilian coast and that his wireless is out of order.

Italian Airman Killed.

Varese, June 21.

Lieutenant Borra, one of the Italian pilots selected to participate in the Schneider Cup Race, has been drowned in Lake Varese, where his aeroplane fell during a practice flight. — Reuter.

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either called a European or kept out of the way. They certainly never struck the Europeans, whenever they were.

"Come Here!"

The Indian policeman, giving his version of the affair from the witness box, said that there were two cars coming from Wanchai and at the same time two coming from Stubbs Road. Then he noticed the doctor's car coming up from Happy Valley. He let the two cars from Wanchai pass first, and then let the Stubbs Road cars pass. Then the signal was turned in favour of the doctor's car.

After that, continued the constable, the doctor beckoned to him with his hand and called: "Come here!" He did not go, so the doctor drove his car to the post, got out, pulled the policeman by his shoulder strap and again said: "Come here," taking him to the side of the car. The Indian tried to ward the European off, but did not know whether he knocked his glasses to the ground. Witness denied striking the doctor with his truncheon.

Counter Allegation.

The policeman admitted that he became excited whilst this was happening and kept calling out to the doctor: "Don't you touch me!" He got excited because the doctor gave him a blow on the shoulder.

Mr. P. P. J. Wodehouse said that he considered the policeman's character a very good one. He had been commended for bravery. Inspector James said he was on duty at No. 2 station when Dr. Cannon made his complaint, and sent a European sergeant out to watch the Indian at work and to see whether he was sober or not. The policeman was relieved at 8 p.m., and on his return to the station emphatically denied all that the doctor had asserted, alleging that the doctor got hold of him by the shoulder, pulled him off the traffic post, and then struck him a blow on the left shoulder, afterwards driving away. The shoulder strap was detached when the man returned to the station but the shirt was not torn. The button had unquestionably been broken off, and not cut. The policeman was perfectly sober when he reached the station.

Without comment the magistrate thereupon fined the Indian as stated above.



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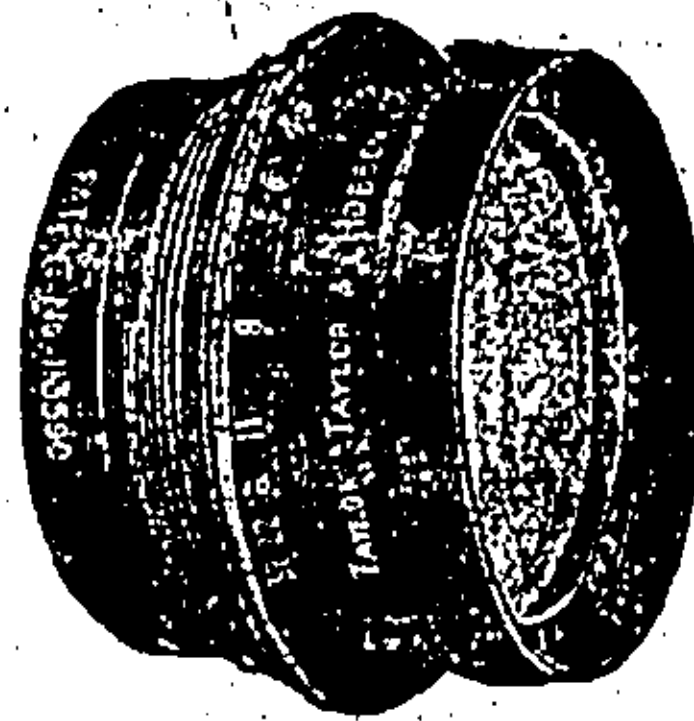
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THE TARGETS FOR ALL AGES.

If we are to believe the critics of modern woman, the girl of to-day is very different from what her mother was when she was a girl.

But do short skirts spell degeneration, lipstick frivolity and the Charleston moral ruin as the pessimists assure us?

If some of the croakers took the trouble to recall their young days, (writes F. A. Mackenzie in the "Sunday Pictorial"), they would remember that the croakers mourned over mother, when she was a girl, just as they mourn over her daughter now. Fashions may change, but Jeremiahs and other prophets of evil exist. Whatever is, is bad, is their motto.

In mother's time the champion slanderer of the young was a dear old lady, Mrs. Lynn Lynton, who lived in a flat overlooking St. James's Park, and poured out more gloom from her eyrie than the gloomiest of gloomy Deans.

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The Pattern Changed.

"Time was when the phrase, 'A fair young English girl,' meant the ideal of womanhood," she declared: "a creature generous, modest, a girl neither bold in bearing nor masculine in mind. We prided ourselves on our women."

"This was in the old time, when English girls were content to be what God and Nature made them. We have changed the pattern."

"Now! The girl of the period dyes her hair and paints her face. Her sole idea of life is fun. Her sole aim is unbounded luxury. Dress is the chief object and thought of such intellect, as she possesses; to outvie her neighbour in the extravagance of fashion. For this, she sacrifices decency, modesty."

Then came a catalogue of faults. First, disrespect for parents. "In old-fashioned time, fathers and mothers had some authority and were treated with respect." Now—that is, when mother was a girl—all such "moral miffishness" had gone.

Next, dress. "Her dress below her shoulder-blades! A gold strap for all the sleeve thought necessary." And, I hesitate to repeat it, but at all cost the truth must be told, "If a sensible fashion lifts the gown out of the mud, she raises hers midway to her knees." The bold mix exposed her ankles to the public gaze!

After this, the rest of the indictment falls flat. "Slang, bold talk and general fastness! Love of plan, sure and indifference to duty! No one can say of the modern English girl that she is tender, loving, retiring, domestic. Love, indeed, is the last thing that she thinks of. Men are afraid of her, and with reason."

Reading this, one wonders how our poor mothers ever got married, after all!

When mother was a girl she had a much harder fight for reasonable freedom than her daughter has to-day. Most of the things that Miss 1927 does without reproach or thought of harm had then to be striven for.

Mrs. Lynn Lynton was not alone in objecting to the least raising of the skirt. Public opinion condemned it. If a young woman crossing a muddy patch of street—and the streets were really muddy in those days—raised her skirt four inches, rude boys would jibe at her and shout after her, and older ladies would gaze contemptuously and wither her with one scornful word: "Hussy!"

Delicate Fragile Creatures.

If a young woman took an interest in public affairs in education or in politics, she was dubbed a "shrieking sister," and was caricatured as bespectacled and saw-toothed, dressed in a black bombazine frock and wearing a poke bonnet.

Only one type of girl was supposed to retain the virtues of the early Victorians. She was the "sweet seventeen" type, downcast-eyed, "goo-goo" and mild, modest, who carefully concealed what brains she had and looked up to the men in pretended adoration.

To go out after dark alone was an offence against high heaven. Clubs were the monopoly of the mere man. We were accustomed to think of the young women—and they were accustomed to regard themselves as delicate, fragile creatures whose steps were dogged by many dangers. Life was a matter of inhibitions, and what the young woman must not do made a very long list. The two great weapons that brought modern woman's freedom were the bicycle and the typewriter.

The younger generation cannot imagine the joy of cycling in the days when motor-cars were unknown and roads were free. The bicycle gave us the open-air girl and broke down the tyranny of women's dress. The old-fashioned dress or cycling—one or the other had to go. Old-fashioned dress was counted out.

If anyone is to blame for the fashions of 1927, with their short skirts and bare sleeves, it is not the girls of to-day, but our mothers, who fought the battle a generation ago against all the discomforts and horrors of the fashions of her day.

It was mother who rebelled against mid-Victorian dress. Thick wool next to the skin, long skirts, tightly-drawn stays, high sleeves, scarlet chest protectors on cold

days, and other horrors were the rule. "Hygienic" was the word.

Typewriters and Bicycles. The girls of yesterday determined to stand this no more. They made a start with open-worked, short-sleeved blouses, and moralists and doctors promptly shrieked at them in chorus. "Pneumonia blouses," they were called, and the name stuck for years. It took the doctors quite a long time to discover that exposure to sunlight spell health, not pneumonia.

If mother had not fought her battle when she was a girl, Miss 1927 would not be wearing the diaphanous and altogether delightful garments that she enjoys to-day.

The type-writer opened up the world of employment for young women. When mother was young there was little that she could do. She might become a hospital nurse, working fourteen hours a day, seven days a week for £24 a year, or a teacher. But if her father was still alive she was expected to stay at home until she was married, if ever she did.

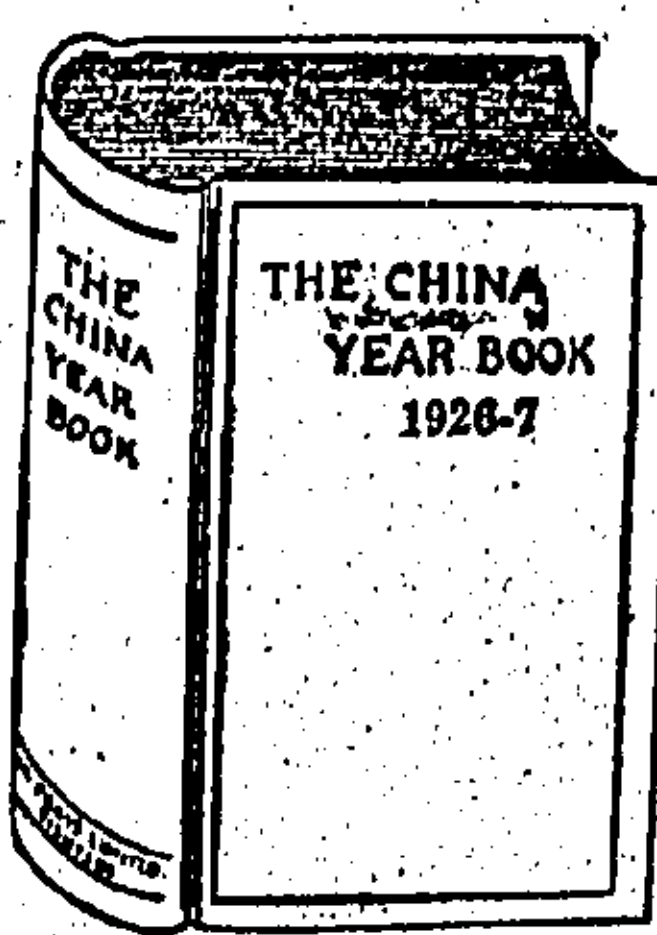
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Tytam 1926 1927

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Tytam Intermediate Level 17' 4" B. 2' 3" B.

Tytam Tuk 32' 8" B. Do.

Wong Nei Chung 21' 10" B. 3' 3" B.

Pokfulum 20' 6" B. 3' 4" B.

[Note: B. denotes "Below Overflow".

A denotes "Above Overflow".]

Storage in millions and decimals

of gallons.

Tytam 1926 1927

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Tytam Intermediate 4.27 18.52

Tytam Tuk 195.00 195.00

Wong Nei Chung 744.63 1,419.00

Pokfulum 8.64 26.24

Total 1,223.84 3,103.24

Consumption of water in the City

and Hill District in millions and

decimals of gallons during the month of

May:—

Consumption 1926 1927

Estimated population 254,500 245,70

Consumption per head 401,600 411,910

per day (gallons) .. 21.3 '23.1

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LEVEL.

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Shek Lai Pui Reservoir 19' 11" B. 20' 4" B.

Reception Reservoir .. 7' 9" B.

Storage in millions and decimals

of gallons.

Kowloon Reservoir 1926 1927

Shek Lai Pui Reservoir 298.09 362.50

Reception Reservoir 32.68 71.50

Total 328.82 424.00

Consumption of water in Kowloon

in millions and decimals of gallons dur-

ing the month of May.

Consumption 1926 1927

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Consumption per head 72.88 87.08

per day (gallons) .. 15.1 17.5

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HAKUSAN MARU Saturday, 30th July.

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BOMBAY via SINGAPORE & COLOMBO.

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KAWACHI MARU Saturday, 9th July.

NEW YORK and/or BOSTON via PANAMA.

TAKAOKA MARU Tuesday, 28th June.

BENGAL MARU Wednesday, 27th July.

LIVERPOOL via Singapore, Colombo, Port Said & Ports.

DELACOA MARU Tuesday, 12th July.

CALCUTTA via SINGAPORE, PENANG & RANGOON.

HAKODATE MARU Friday, 1st July.

NAGASAKI, KOBE & YOKOHAMA.

MISHIMA MARU Friday, 22nd July.

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THIS MORNING'S LIST.

The following ocean-going steamers arrived during the 24 hours ended at 9 a.m. to day:—

"Hop Sang" (1,359) British, from Canton, Jardine's—400 tons general cargo (through).

"Hin Sang" (1,885) British, from Sandakan, Jardine's—28 passengers, 4,038 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

"Cheong Shing" (1,266) British, from Haiphong—Jardine's—3 passengers, 2,496 tons rice for Hong Kong.

"Kut Sang" (3,643) British, from Kobe, Amoy—Jardine's—702 passengers, 1,910 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 592 tons general cargo (through).

"Hanoi" (739) French, from Fort Bayard—M.M.—63 passengers, 900 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

"Sphinx" (3,724) French, from Saigon—M.M.—220 passengers, 95 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 1,665 tons general cargo (through).

"Angers" (5,680) French, from Shanghai—M.M.—212 passengers, 138 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 457 tons general cargo (through).

"Van Hentz" (2,720) Dutch, from Swatow—J.C.L.—1,026 passengers, 1,000 tons general cargo (through).

"Dampier" (1,430) Norwegian, from Bangkok—Karsten Larsen—5 passengers, 3,394 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

"Kishu Maru" (1,567) Japanese, from Canton—O.S.K.—81 tons soda for Hong Kong.

"Shinsei Maru No. 1" (2,711) Japanese, from Chinwangtao, Kailan Mining Administration—5,549 tons coal for Hong Kong.

"Kojun Maru" (1,305) Japanese, from Longkau—M.B.K.—160 tons vermecelli for Hong Kong.

"Ringo Maru" (3,724) Japanese, from Moji—O.S.K.—19 passengers, 712 tons general cargo for Hong Kong, 4,702 tons general cargo (through).

Departures.
For Manila:—Pres. McKinley.
For Amoy:—Sunning, Takliwa.
For Bangkok:—Hero.
For Autow:—Tak Hing.
For Takao:—Franken.
For Tourane:—Chung Kong.
For Shanghai:—Sphinx, Pyrrhus.
For Haiphong:—New Mathilde.
For Swatow:—Hai Ming.
For Saigon:—Angers.
For Kwong Chow Wan:—Chung Hing.
For Hoihow:—Taikwa Maru.

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For Haiphong:—Taikwa Wan Yi.
For Takao:—Kishu Maru.
For Bangkok:—Livingstone.
For Shanghai:—Empress of Russia.
For Swatow:—Menado Maru, Hop Sang.
For Manila:—Tango Maru.

Shipping Abstract.

Arrivals	Departures	Port.
British	4	5
Japanese	5	1
Norwegian	1	1
Chinese	1	0
Dutch	0	1
German	0	2
Panama	0	0
American	0	1
Portuguese	0	0
	15	14

THE TUG "ALLIANCE".
The Admiralty twin screw tug, "Alliance" (Capt. McCutcheon) arrived in Hong Kong from Chatham yesterday, after calling at 14 ports, for service on the China Station.

MOVEMENTS OF STEAMERS.

The C.P.S. R.M.S. "Empress of Asia" arrived at Kobe yesterday, at 11.30 a.m., left in the evening at 7, and is due at Nagasaki this afternoon at 5 o'clock.

The P. & O. s.s. "Macedonia" left Singapore for this port on June 19, at 9 a.m., with the outward English mails, and is due here to-morrow, at about 6 a.m.

The P. & O. s.s. "Mantua" left Shanghai for this port yesterday, at 4 p.m., and is due here on June 24, at about 9 a.m.

The following vessels of the Compagnie des Messageries Maritimes are expected here:—

"Paul Lecat," July 5.
"Amazon," July 19.
"Yalou," July 22.
"Chantilly," August 2.
"Athos II," August 16.
"D'Artagnan," September 3.

CONSIGNEES' NOTICES.

Consignees of Cargo ex s.s. "Benarty" are advised that goods left undelivered after June 24 will be subject to rent. Claims must be presented on or before July 8.

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MANILA MARU Thursday, 14th July.

BOMBAY—Via Singapore and Colombo.

INDUS MARU (Cable at Penang) Thursday, 23rd June.

SHUNKO MARU Monday, 4th July.

DURBAN, DELAGOA BAY, BEIRA, DAR-ES-SALAAM, ZANZIBAR AND NOMBASA—Via Singapore and Colombo.

PANAMA MARU Thursday, 7th July.

TIENSIN

KINZAN MARU Saturday, 11th July.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

TACOMA MARU Middle of June.

BINGO MARU Wednesday, 22nd June.

BANGKOK—Via Saigon.

SEKKOW MARU Monday, 27th June.

VICTORIA, SEATTLE, TACOMA & VANCOUVER Via Shanghai and Japan Ports.

ALABAMA MARU (From Shanghai) Wednesday, 20th July.

HAIPHONG—Via Hoihow & PAKHOI. Tuesday, 5th July.

MENADO MARU Tuesday, 5th July.

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	Departure	 Sunday	"	26 5 a.m.
JESSELTON	Arrival	 Monday	"	27 6 a.m.
	Departure	 Monday	"	27 5 p.m.
KUDAT	Arrival	 Tuesday	"	28 6 a.m.
	Departure	 Tuesday	"	28 9 a.m.
LAHAD DATU	Arrival	 Wednesday	"	29 4 p.m.
	Departure	 Thursday	"	30 5 a.m.
SEMPORNA	Arrival	 Thursday	"	30 9 a.m.
	Departure	 Friday	July 1	5 a.m.
TAWAU	Arrival	 Friday	"	1 noon
	Departure	 Saturday	"	2 3 a.m.
SANDAKAN	Arrival	 Sunday	"	3 6 a.m.
	Departure	 Monday	"	4 midnight
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SMALLER NAVIES.

Has the day of smaller Navies for the Great Powers really arrived? Do the Powers realise to-day that there is no object in keeping a Navy of a strength to be regarded as a menace to peace? Is it not time that sheer competition for the mere sake of competition ceased? Would it not add to the cause of world peace if the Great Powers laid it down that the sole objects of a Naval force were, firstly, defence in case of unwarranted attack, and, secondly, protection of trade routes?

These queries are inevitable in view of the very vital conference at Geneva of delegates of Great Britain, the United States and Japan, who are exploring the whole ramifications of Naval strength with a view to arriving at a tripartite agreement. A reassuring factor with regard to the prospects of success of the conference lies in the fact that the three Powers mentioned have laid all their cards on the table without evasion or reservation. This has created a most favourable impression in America, according to the latest cables to hand to-day. Given an equally sincere and frank discussion of the detailed proposals submitted by each Power, with adequate recognition of each other's actual Naval requirements both now and in the more distant future, there seems nothing to hinder an unofficial agreement being reached as a corollary of the Washington Agreement.

At the opening of the conference it was regretted by the British delegate, Mr. W. C. Bridgeman, First Lord of the Admiralty, that neither France nor Italy was represented. The presence of these two great Allies of the War would most undoubtedly have strengthened the hands of all the Powers seeking to reduce their Navies to the absolute minimum. On the other hand, their absence should not really affect the issue so far as the United States, Great Britain, and Japan are individually and jointly concerned. If these three are able to conclude an agreement satisfactory to the peoples of the three nations a very powerful triple alliance would instantly be brought into being that would exercise a tremendous moral effect on those nations, such as Italy and France, who are not parties thereto. Moreover, in the event of any outside nation wilfully provoking suspicion by any departure in the direction of a larger Navy than what appears essential for all reasonable requirements, recourse could always be had to the League of Nations (in spite of the United States not yet being a member thereof). Even so, in the event of a triple naval alliance being consummated, it is difficult to imagine any other Power indulging in wilful provocation of the kind indicated either alone or in concert with any other outside Power.

In theory, the objects of the naval conference at Geneva are excellent. In practice, they ought to work out to the ultimate satisfaction of the three Powers immediately concerned, besides exercising a wholesome effect on the greater problem of world peace, more particularly in the Pacific, where certain publicists are never tired of telling us the next great war will be staged.

Hong Kong and Canton.

Shortly before leaving Hong Kong to take up his new post of Governor of Jamaica, Sir Edward Stubbs, responding to farewell tributes, drew attention to the fact that the Colony lacked an official motto. There were several mottoes, he said, which would be suitable for a place like Hong Kong, but if he were allotted the task of making the final choice, there was one he would select without hesitation. This was "Co-operation." Sir Edward Stubbs, in singling out that word,

as the best motto for the Colony had in mind, of course, the immense value of co-operation between the Europeans and the Chinese in Hong Kong in furthering the common welfare of both communities. He had in mind, also, the immense value of co-operation between Hong Kong and the sister city of Canton. Unfortunately at the time Sir Edward Stubbs made this speech, so far from there being any co-operation between Hong Kong and Canton, there was an open breach, deliberately brought about by the avowed enemies of Hong Kong. Much water has flowed under the bridge since then, however, and to-day, while a footing of full co-operation has still to be reached, there is a distinctly better feeling. Striking evidence of this is to be seen in the success of the new express service to Canton inaugurated last Monday, an event even more historic for the testimony it gives to improved relations than as the first occasion British engines have made the through journey. The point has already been made that such an event would have been quite impossible a year ago, and if the spirit of co-operation which has wrought the change manifests itself in other directions as well, we may hope to see an early return to the old friendly relations so essential to the prosperity of the two great cities of South China.

CORRESPONDENCE.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST.

(To the Editor of the "China Mail.")

Sir,—I shall be obliged if you will kindly permit me to comment on an article under the heading Christian Science in your issue of the 18th instant, reprinted from the Westminster Record and West London News.

It is desirable to explain to your readers the difference between The First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Massachusetts, and The Christian Science Parent Church, responsible for the article in question over the name of John F. Fellowes, 'Press Committee.' The Mother Church, The First Church of Christ Scientist, in Boston, Mass., was founded by Mary Baker Eddy, the Discoverer and Founder of Christian Science, author of the Christian Science textbook, Science and Health with Key to the Scriptures, and Leader of the Christian Science movement. This church is governed by the rules and by-laws in the Church Manual of The First Church of Christ Scientist in Boston, Mass., by Mary Baker Eddy, to give the full title.

The Christian Science Parent Church is a church founded by Mrs. Annie C. Bill with headquarters in Washington. The reason for its formation is explained in 'The Morning Post' of London in an article published by that church, the period referred to is shortly after Mrs. Eddy passed away in 1910.

As it was, only a few weeks elapsed before the next stately 'step in Christian Science' was 'discovered by Annie C. Bill.' But because of the members' disregard of the Manual requirement, the new discovery was rejected by those who 'should have been the first to accept it, and it has had to be developed on an independent basis outside the 'Mother Church.'

So Mrs. Bill founded a church of her own which she called The Christian Science Parent Church and of this she is the leader.

Mrs. Bill was not at that time a member of The Mother Church; she had been but had withdrawn from membership during Mrs. Eddy's lifetime while she was still actively the Leader of the church, so she was evidently not in accord with Mrs. Eddy's organisation and requirements. Since then, to quote 'The Morning Post' again: 'The Parent Church has taken every available means of presenting these truths to the members of the Boston organisation, who still mistakenly believe that they are followers of Mary Baker Eddy.'

Mrs. Bill and her followers are of course entitled to their own views but their activities do seem to be a misleading form of opposition to the church founded by Mrs. Eddy. Members of The Mother Church and its branch churches are not in the least perturbed by this propaganda. They reject Mrs. Bill's contentions and have complete assurance that The Mother Church organisation is in strict accord with the instructions of Mrs. Eddy as contained in the Church Manual.

I am, etc.,

D. G. M. BERNARD,

Committee on Publication.

June 20, 1927.

DISCHARGED.

ALLEGED KOWLOON CITY MURDER.

CRIMINAL SESSIONS RESULT.

The prisoner, Ku Tsoi, charged with the murder of the concubine of his brother-in-law at a room in Kowloon City on April 6, was found 'not guilty' by the jury yesterday after a twenty minutes' retirement and he was consequently discharged.

Mr. F. C. Jenkin, for the defence, said that all the prisoner had admitted was that he was present for some part of the time and he had maintained all along that he had seen another man cut the unfortunate woman. Evidence of presence during a crime was not evidence of complicity, said counsel, who also referred to the terrible nature of the wounds and the profusion of blood about the cubicle where the crime took place. The prisoner's clothing bore slight traces of blood but the doctor was unable to tell the Court what blood it was, whether it was alien or not. The murderer's clothing in a crime of this nature would have been spattered with blood from his victim.

On various technical points of law, counsel claimed that there was no case to go before the jury, but His Lordship (Mr. Justice Wood) held otherwise, and the jury returned a verdict as above.

The trial of a second man charged in connection with the alleged murder will commence on Thursday.

POLICE RESERVE.

APPOINTMENTS AND ORDERS.

THE CHINESE COMPANY.

Orders by the Hon. Mr. E. D. C. Wolfe, Captain Superintendent of Police. Memo. No. 1078:

1.—The following Notifications in 'The Hong Kong Government Gazette' are repeated for the information of all ranks:

"The Hong Kong Government Gazette" of the 27th May, 1927—No. 319.—The following persons, that is to say—

Bishan Singh, A. C. Botelho, D. A. Goodwin, F. C. Mow Fung, A. F. B. Silva-Neto, Sirdar Khan, G. G. N. Tinson, S. W. Tse, having offered their services, and it appearing that other persons are desirous of joining as members of a police reserve force, His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to accept the services of the said persons above named, and they are hereby formed into the Hong Kong Police Reserve under the Hong Kong Police Reserve Ordinance, 1914.

His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to direct that the Hong Kong Police Reserve formed as above shall be open to other persons desiring to join as members.

"The Hong Kong Government Gazette" of the 17th June, 1927—No. 356.—His Excellency the Governor has been pleased to make the following appointments under section 5 (1) of the Hong Kong Police Reserve Ordinance, 1914:

To be Adjutant, with rank and title of Deputy Superintendent of Police (Reserve)—George Bibby Hartford, D.S.O., Commander, Royal Navy (Retd.), Justice of the Peace.

To be Honorary Commissioner of Police (Reserve)—Ts'o Seen-wan, LL.D., Justice of the Peace.

To be Assistant Superintendent of Police (Reserve) and be in command of the Chinese Company, Hong Kong Police Reserve—Frederick Charles Mow Fung, Justice of the Peace.

To be Medical Officer, Police (Reserve), and be attached to the Chinese Company, Hong Kong Police Reserve—George Harold Thomas, M.D., B.S.

The following have enrolled in the Chinese Company and are posted respectively as under:

No. 1 Section.
Constables: Chow U-ting, Wong Shiu-pun, Edward Mow Lung, Ng Kai-wing, Edward Way, Yang Kwok-sui, Harry Loo, Leong Yue-sang, Hwang Hong-yeh, Ng Kai-chun, Pang Kwok-fatt, Chan Wai-hong, Ma Ping-wa, Johnson Sim, Chang Sam-chong, Ts'o Ch'on, Yeung Koon-shing, Li Man-tung, Hon Yan-lam, Luk Pk-hing, Kwok Chan, Yuen Kwok-yan, Thomas Yip, Yu Man-cho, Chan Shiu-wo.

No. 2 Section.
Constables: Ts'o Tsin-on, Diam Siu Kan-chen, David Fook Wing-jole, Ow-Yeung Kin-heng, Chung Man-lu, Mo Shit-yu, Tsui Kwong-kong, Tsui Tong, Duncan Kwong Lee, Charles Rutherford Chan Ham, Poon Ping-kong, William Goon-ham, Pau Yuk-ming, Chan Kun-ying, Tsui Keng-chau, Li Cheung-hing, Tsan Yung, Cheng Shuk-ki.

Appointments.
The following appointments have been made in the Chinese Company with effect from June 15, 1927:

Constables: Chow U-ting to be Sub-Inspector 1/c. No. 1 Platoon; Edward Mow Fung to be Sub-Inspector for duty as Equipment Officer; Wong Shiu-pun to be Cr.

CAUSE OF DEATH.

BODY WITH ROPE ROUND NECK.

MURDER CHARGE HEARING.

Yesterday afternoon further evidence was taken by Mr. R. E. Lindsell in the case in which a Chinese was charged with the murder of his wife in Sanhoi village, near Castle Peak on April 7 last. The deceased woman's brother gave evidence bearing out Mr. Whyte Smith's opening statement, after which medical evidence, also of a corroborative nature was taken.

Dr. J. E. Dovey, acting medical officer in charge of the Kowloon Mortuary, said that the body was in a mummified condition when dug up in his presence. By that he meant that all the fluid in the body had evaporated leaving the skin in a leathery condition, and of a uniform dirty yellow colour. The rope round the neck was loose in front. The witness thought that the rope must have originally been tight but subsequently, becoming loose through the neck shrinking in conformity with the other parts of the mummified body. The rope round the waist was tight. There was no internal evidence of strangulation. However, the witness found nothing which was inconsistent with theory that death had been due to strangulation without hanging. There could not have been hanging because then the groove on the neck would have been oblique.

By Mr. Gordon Leask (for the defence): The witness could not lay his finger on any cause of death in the condition in which the body was. He agreed that it was possible that both ropes found on the body had been attached after death for the purpose of dragging the body to the sand pit.

By the Magistrate: The knot on the rope round the neck was a slip knot. If a person tried to strangle himself with such a knot, it would slip when unconsciousness came and the person would revive. It was quite possible for the deceased to have died of heart disease. It was impossible to ascertain the condition of the heart in its shrivelled state.

Mr. E. R. Dovey, Government Analyst said he examined the stomach of the deceased and found no trace of poison, except thiocyanate, a quantity of which one usually expected to find in a normally healthy body.

The case was adjourned until 2.15 on Monday afternoon next.

MISS TZE LO LAN.

CLASSICAL DANCING AND SINGING.

THEATRE ROYAL SUCCESS.

Although differing entirely from foreign standards, there is the charm both of novelty and graceful movement in well executed Chinese dancing, and whilst it was perhaps only to be expected that there should have been few foreigners present at Miss Tze Lo Lan's performance at the Theatre Royal last night, it is somewhat surprising that such a first rate artist should have attracted so few of her own people.

There was a mystic charm about the first part of the programme, "Burying Flowers," which was set against a background of pagoda, courtyard, summer houses and cool lotus pond, and in which the artist sustained her part with profound dignity.

The second part was a revival of characteristic Chinese and singing of over a thousand years ago, and the final theme was "Love's Lament," the story of a Chinese maiden who, after she had been chosen as the Emperor's bride, was unable to prove her love to him owing to his early death.

Miss Tze was accompanied by a Chinese orchestra, the clashing of whose cymbals and the strumming of other seemingly primitive instruments, whilst having little claim to harmony, was in keeping with the oriental standards of the remainder of the performance.

Sergeant; Tsui Kwong-kong to be Lance Sergeant (No. 2 Section); Ng Kai-wing to be Lance Sergeant (No. 1 Section).

Parades.
All ranks of the Chinese Company will parade at the Central Police Station every Tuesday and Thursday at 5.30 p.m. sharp, until further notice, for Squad Drill under the Police Physical Instructor, Sergeant R. J. Hunt; Dress—Muti. Lectures at the Police Training School will be discontinued for the present.

Uniform and Equipment are now being issued to all ranks of the Chinese Company; those who have not received same will apply to the Equipment Officer.

FOR THE SERVICES.

"BETTER 'OLE' CONCERT
LAST NIGHT.

A NOVEL PROGRAMME.

Members of the Services were entertained to an excellent concert at the "Better 'Ole," Peking Road (Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.) last night when local artists whose services had been organised by Mr. J. H. Donni-thorne were in excellent fettle, among the items given being pleasing items by the Saxophone ensemble.

The special programme, arranged in the form of a miniature magazine and containing a mythical and humorous account of China's war, an alleged interview with Mr. Woolworth, "hinta" for housewives, etc. was a happy thought and introduced right from the start a common bond between performers and audience.

The Saxophone ensemble was under the leadership of Mr. D. Smith Hill and consisted of Mrs. Donni-thorne, Mrs. Shaw, and Messrs. S. Gray, C. H. Miles, J. H. Shaw, F. C. Cleme, H. Middleton and H. R. Major. Others contributing to the first part of the programme were Mr. T. G. Paterson, Mr. C. W. Murphy, Mr. V. C. Labrum, and Mrs. A. F. Reynolds. This part concluded with a sketch entitled "Where There's a Will," the characters being well taken by Miss C. Munro, Mr. W. E. Price and Mr. G. G. Stapani Thomson.

Further selections were given by the Saxophone Ensemble during the latter part of the programme and vocal and musical items by Mr. J. Grenham, Miss Dorothy Henderson, Mr. J. Davidson and Mr. S. Gray. The concert was given under the auspices of the Y.M.C.A. Entertainment Committee.

WHAT STATION?

HOW TO IDENTIFY FOREIGN TRANSMISSIONS.

A difficulty that many wireless listeners experience is that of identifying the foreign stations which they pick up on their sets, says a Home paper.

If the country to which a station belongs can be ascertained the station itself can often be named with certainty by its position in the wavelength table. When, for example, a French station is found below the settings required for London and above those for Birmingham this must be the "Petit Parisien" if the day is Sunday, Tuesday, Thursday, or Saturday. Otherwise it will be Paris Radio LL.

French stations give their call signs pretty frequently, and even if the name cannot be heard the words "ici le poste" or "ici les émissions" may be caught. German stations can be distinguished by the frequent occurrence of the word "Achtung" (stand by). All of the Spanish stations have call signs beginning with the letters EAJ, pronounced "ay ah hoto."

Vienna cannot be mistaken, for during the programme intervals a metronome, ticking as fast as a watch, is set working close to the microphone. Rome has a woman announcer who repeats the word "Roma" usually several times before each item.

Hamburg heralds the close of each interval by a stroke on a gong. Stuttgart during intervals transmits the notes C D G every few seconds by means of a valve oscillator.

Copenhagen is always to be recognised at 11 p.m. by the relaying of the beautiful chimes of the cathedral.

SERMON ON MOUNT.

DOES IT FIT WORLD OF TO-DAY?

"How does the Gospel wear. Is it like a silver coin, grown thin by usage, or has it, like gold, been burnished to a brighter lustre?" So asked the Rev. David Fyfe, the Moderator, in Presbyterian Church of England at Newcastle. Our neighbours, he went on, brushed aside the demand that our homes, our industry, our politics, and our international affairs be organised according to the laws of Christ's Kingdom. The majority seem to serve under another standard: "Business is Business," or "You cannot change human nature." Some objected that the Sermon on the Mount was too fine for ordinary human nature, and did not fit this world. To that the answer was, "Try it." There were reasons of the strongest kind for believing that it tried it would succeed. "Christ's conflict with this generation," asserted the speaker, "is not about its intellectual beliefs, or the frivolity of its entertainments, but with the whole standards of value with which society is permeated. The things which counter the Kingdom of God are big things—our ideas of personal success, our materialistic outlook, our scorn of humility, our passion for mastery, and our mistrust of spiritual forces. Not until the treasures and awards of this world have ceased their appeal can we further the salvation of our race."

CUPID AND PHONE.

FALLING IN LOVE WITH A VOICE.

CALLS END IN MARRIAGE.

Out of 7,902 girl telephone operators, according to figures in the month's "Telegraph and Telephone Journal," 350 get married every year.

Is this facility in finding husbands to be attributed to friendships formed as the result of chance telephone calls? To a reporter a Post Office official said: "We have a very strict rule against conversations over the telephone during work hours with friends. The fact that so many telephone girls get married is probably due to the employment mainly of girls of marriageable age, who have to pass a strict medical examination, and written tests of education. Naturally we like them of good appearance as well."

"Terrible Shocks."

But a girl operator at one exchange declared that friendships do frequently start over the telephone. She said:

"Sometimes you hear the same voice over and over again, and a voice can sound very attractive over a telephone. One day you may have a conversation with the 'caller,' find you and he have similar views and tastes, and perhaps you may arrange to meet. You often get a terrible shock, but it's quite good fun."

Recently a young London business man who frequently spoke on the telephone to Paris, married the operator who arranged the calls. He said:

"In the words of the song, 'I fell in love with a voice.' I used to hear the same tones almost every time I made the call, and I soon found myself so strongly attracted, that I felt that I must meet the girl. Now we are happily married."

A LORD MAYOR.

WHY AN INVITATION WAS REFUSED.

"The Lord Mayor of a city or a borough is supreme in his own province."

This was the declaration of a high London authority on municipal practice when he discussed the action of the Lord Mayor of Manchester (Alderman Swales), who declined to attend a Chamber of Commerce luncheon to the American Ambassador on the grounds that he had not been invited to sit in the place of honour due to the Lord Mayor.

Alderman Swales declares that as Lord Mayor in his own city, he should have been invited to take the President's chair or the post of honour on the Chairman's right hand.

"In London," a Press representative was informed, "the Lord Mayor is always supreme. He takes precedence of everyone. At Trinity House, when the Duke of Edinburgh was Master and the Prince of Wales was present, the Lord Mayor was accorded the seat of honour, on the right hand of the Master. The Prince of Wales, who sat on the left, insisted upon that order."

"It is possible that in the present instance, had the Lord Mayor of Manchester been invited to take the chief seat, he might then have waived his privilege."

IRON DUKE'S GHOST.

WEIRD ADVENTURE IN LONDON.

How she met the spectre of the Duke of Wellington in St. James's Street, S.W., late one evening in September, 1914, was described by Dame Edith Lytton in the "Weekly Dispatch." She writes: "By this time I was closer to him, and I noticed with surprise that he was very short. But, said I to myself, that does not alter his look of distinction. I was now almost opposite to him, and could look him full in the face, as he most obviously did not see even that someone was near him."

"I stopped dead with surprise. I knew that face! I had seen that aquiline nose, that shape of brow, those blue steely eyes, clouded now with thought, that... Good God! The Duke of Wellington! The Great Duke... the Iron Duke, walking up St. James's Street, brooding on the danger of England! I was so astounded that I almost spoke to him—but I was afraid to. I stood and watched his slow yet vigorous progression the whole way up St. James's Street. I wanted to see which way he turned when he reached the top. Yes—he went westward, down Piccadilly, towards Ansley House... "As soon as I had the opportunity I went to look at the portrait which hung then in the dining-room at 10, Downing Street. Yes, that was my man. I saw him again, and in spirit I greeted him again."

SUPERIOR PARENTS.

HOW THEY ARE A DANGER TO THE CHILD.

"COMFORTERS" & DRUNKARDS.

The love of superior parents, the mismanagement of genius in childhood days, and the relation between the "comforter" and drunkenness were among the subjects of child psychology discussed by Dr. W. A. Potts, psychological expert to the Birmingham Justice, when addressing the Parents' National Educational Conference at Cirencester. "Some parents," he said, "conceive it to be their duty to impress upon their children what is incomplete and immature. They are, and what immensely wise and capable people they are as parents. In this way the child is often given a sense of inferiority which has a baneful influence all through his life. A great deal of mental distress, leading to ill-health, is caused by parents and other adults who implant this sense of inferiority in a child during his early years."

Children, he proceeded, should be encouraged to do things for themselves in their own way, however crude their attempts might seem to their elders. Children of the Peter Pan or Mary Rose type, who did not wish to grow up, were often suffering from a feeling of inferiority. Life seemed very difficult to them, and a child feeling he was below the ordinary level would shrink back from facing it at all. He would not know the cause, but he would be there. Constant nagging and snubbing had a most injurious effect upon the child.

"The mismanagement of genius in early life," declared Dr. Potts, "is the undoubted explanation of why so many geniuses are unhappy and erratic in later life. It is accepted by many authorities that our disposition, temperament, and attitude to life are largely determined by the age of seven years. I believe that the most important day in those seven years is the first day. The parent's attitude to a child before it is born has also an enormous influence on its life. The unwanted child has a blight on it from the first day it is born. The only child, too, is inevitably subject to mental strain or distress. Before he can take a proper place in life he will be compelled, while a child, to take on the difficult task of adjusting his life to that of older people instead of living his own child life. It is bad for him and his parents. Parents claim that they restrict their family in the interest of the one child, but the greatest benefit a child can have in early life is derived from contact with other children, preferably his own brothers and sisters, who can do something for him that no one else can. The best kind of paternal or maternal love too develops only in parents who have a family which is not too small."

"To give a child the continual sensual pleasure of sucking a comforter often provides, I firmly believe, the first downward step in the career of drunkards. One of the most important factors in the lives of many delinquents is that they have never had a mother's love. A child should have an opportunity of expressing all the ability he may have. He must never be thwarted in his wish to practise music or learn painting because his father 'does not believe in such nonsense.' In choosing a profession the aim should be not merely to follow a career because it was mapped out by the parent, but to do that which will lead to the fullest development of the self."

DANGERS OF ROAD.

CORONER WHO USED THE WHIP.

"It seems strange that children of the present day, in spite of all the cautions by parents and school-teachers and all the dangers of the roads, are not a bit wiser than the children of a generation ago, who were the dread of men driving on the road," said Mr. John Graham, the oldest coroner in England, at an inquest at Durham, on Dorothy Grant, aged 8, who, with other children, was running behind a motor-lorry when she was knocked down and a wheel passed over her right arm and leg. The arm was afterwards amputated from the shoulder. Henry Grant, the father, said he had repeatedly cautioned his children, and Inspector Taylor said that most of the schools in the county had warnings posted up.

The coroner said that, in the old days, he was abused by parents and guardians for using the whip to try to prevent children running after conveyances. Despite all warning children followed each other like a flock of sheep, either in play or mischief. A verdict of accidental death was returned, the motor-driver being exonerated from blame.

DRUSES RETURN.

Beirut, June 21. The last groups of Druse rebels who have taken refuge in Trans-Jordan for over a year have asked and accepted the conditions of the French authorities, and 2,000 Druses, including prominent members of the Atrash family, have begun to return to Syria.—Havas.

UNSOLVED MYSTERY.

HOW DID MAN BECOME INTELLIGENT?

SIR A. KEITH AND THE APES.

The evidence that man is evolved from a common ancestor with the anthropoid ape is complete. In these words Professor Sir Arthur Keith, conservator of the Royal College of Surgeons and one of the world's greatest anthropologists, summed up the present position of science regarding Darwin's theory of man's descent. In a special statement to a reporter he said that the knowledge of man had increased tenfold since Darwin first made known his startling discoveries. This autumn, when the British Association meets at Leeds, Sir Arthur Keith will give his presidential address on "Darwin's Theory of Man's Descent as it stands to-day." Before the gathering of the great British scientists he will sum up the evidence. He stated:—

"My conclusion will be wholly in support of Darwin, and I shall go into greater detail. We are writing the history of man in a new way; Darwin's book was the beginning."

An Unsolved Mystery. "We cannot yet say why the human stock has budded into the intelligent being that man is to-day, or why the poor anthropoid ape should have remained so low down the scale. Neither do we know everything about the beginning of life or its end. That is not our duty. At present one can only speculate about the beginning and the end of life."

"Scientists all over the world are working at this great task of compiling man's history. Huxley, for instance, has shown us that the chimpanzee's blood and that of other anthropoid apes gives exactly the same reactions as human blood. This happens with the blood of other animals. We know, too, that certain human diseases will also attack the anthropoid. Our work for the most part is in terms of thousands of years. Here is a tibia (leg bone) which has just come from Ipswich and is 10,000 years old."

"Educated people," added Sir Arthur, "are prepared to believe in evolution. In the United States, however, there is a large section of the population unacquainted with what has happened, and that section refuses to believe in the theory of man's descent."

"In England that is not so. We are better educated here; and in the Church the theory has a good following."

ROYAL TRAIN.

MISSILE CHASHES THROUGH WINDOW.

AUSTRALIAN MYSTERY.

During the journey of the Duke and Duchess of York to Canberra, one of the windows of the royal train was shattered by a missile.

The compartment hit was in a coach three cars away from the ducal carriage, but next to the one occupied by Lord Somers, Governor of Victoria, who was one of the three State Governors travelling on the train.

The occupants of the compartment were members of the Governor of Tasmania's staff.

Though splinters of glass were scattered in all directions, no one was hurt.

Mystery surrounds the nature of the missile, as no trace of it could be found.

Detectives who examined the hole when the train pulled up to take water at Benalla, expressed the opinion that it was caused by a stone, as the edges were jagged, whereas a bullet would have caused a neat hole.

The occupants of the compartment, however, say that they heard a report.

A considerable dent was made in the thumb-catch of the window, suggesting that the missile, whatever it may have been, was heavy.

It probably hit the bending, which shows signs of scratches, and fell outside, as the hole in the glass is low down in the corner.

Their Royal Highnesses did not hear of the occurrence for a comparatively long time afterwards.

The opinion is generally expressed that the act was merely the prank of some boy.

AMBASSADOR'S SAFETY.

Santiago, June 21. The Chilean Government has established a special day and night guard at the United States Embassy for the purpose of protecting the Ambassador, Mr. Collier, who has been threatened with assassination by anarchist sympathisers with Sacco and Vanzetti.—Reuter's American Service.

ADMIRAL BRISTOL RESIGNS.

Rapids City, South Dakota, June 21. President Coolidge has accepted the resignation of Admiral Bristol, the United States High Commissioner in Turkey.—Reuter's American Service.

MARRIAGE.

STILL AN HONOURABLE PROFESSION.

London, May 27.

Mr. Justice Swift and Counsel discussed a woman's tressou when Agnes Graham, aged 50, a typist, sued James Mackechnie, formerly of Singapore, for breach of promise. The couple were engaged for seven years during which time 4,000 letters were said to have been exchanged.

Counsel said Mr. Mackechnie was greatly interested in the tressou and had pointed out that two changes a day were necessary in the tropics while at least fourteen afternoon frocks were required. Later he married another woman with whom he returned home.

Miss Graham, giving evidence, said her tressou was now hopelessly old-fashioned especially certain dresses on which she had spent £118.

My Justice Swift remarked: You could cut a bit off.

Miss Graham, replying to Counsel's suggestion that she had only lost £280 which she had spent on her tressou, asked "Are my feelings nothing?"

The Judge, summing up, said even to-day marriage was an honourable profession. Most women preferred looking after their husband and children. The jury awarded Miss Graham £1,200.

WHERE TRADE IS LOST.

That much business is lost to British commercial houses through inattention to and carelessness over foreign postal requirements, by, as he puts it, letting the office boy run the business, is the complaint of a business man in Hamburg to the "Daily Mail."

He writes:— "It is no exaggeration to say that 75 per cent. of all business correspondence reaching me from England has insufficient postage stamps affixed, generally only 1/4d. (the inland postage)."

The result is that I have to pay 2d., 3d., or even 6d. on such letters in the form of a surcharge or fine. I have consequently given instructions at my office not to pay these fines any longer, but to have the letters returned to the sender to let him pay the surcharge.

PREMIER GRAIN PORT.

Figures of grain shipments from the principal North American ports during last year show that Montreal may continue to claim the distinction of being the premier grain shipping port of the continent. Last year 135,000,000 bushels of grain were loaded at Montreal into vessels bound for overseas markets. New York came next with 75,465,000 bushels. Galveston, Texas, was third with 31,203,000 bushels, and Baltimore fourth with 20,314,000 bushels. The port authorities at Montreal say that had it not been for the prolonged coal strike in Great Britain, the grain shipments from the St. Lawrence River port would have been very much larger. Montreal is now rated as the largest inland port in the world.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

June 22—Queen's Theatre; "The Thundering Herd."

June 22—World Theatre; "This Woman."

June 22—Star Theatre; "The Pony Express."

June 22—Tea Dance, Cafe Restaurant Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

June 22—Isako's Circus, New Reclamation Ground, Praya East, Wanchai 9.15 p.m. Matinee, 4 p.m.

June 23—Grand Tea Dansant at Lee Gardens, also exhibition dances by Prof. Therese and Miss Senour, 5.30-7.30 p.m.

June 25—Grand Promenade Concert at Lee Gardens, 9.30 p.m.

June 25—Fifth extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

Meetings.

June 23—Legislative Council Meeting, 2.30 p.m.

June 29—Sixth yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., at Queen's Theatre, Queen's Road, Central, noon; extraordinary meeting at 12.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

June 24—Whist Drive at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.

June 26—Opening performance of Lane Crawford's new Orchestra under the direction of Miss Violet Andrews, during dinner.

June 26—Social gathering in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6 p.m.

June 29—Lantern lecture by Dr. Osma at St. Peter's Club, 8.30 p.m.

A dangerous international thief, named Bergatto, was pursuing his calling amongst a crowd at the Gare des Invalides, when he had the ill luck to attempt to pick the pocket of an American tourist, says the "Morning Post." Paris correspondent The tourist happened to be Mr. Charles Wollenberg, San Francisco Superintendent of Police, on holiday. The pickpocket is now in prison.

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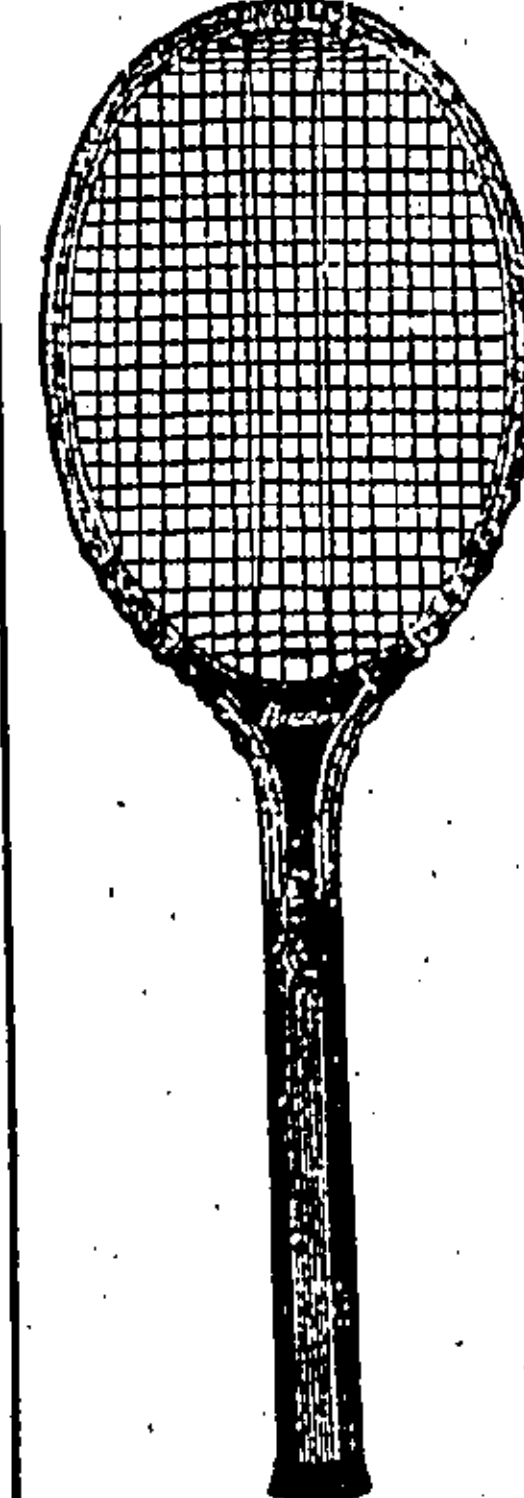
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The continuation of the N.A.A.F. Institute luncheon case, which was to have been heard at the Kowloon Magistracy yesterday afternoon, was adjourned on account of the indisposition of Mr. W. Schofield. The usual morning cases were dealt with by Mr. T. W. Ainsworth.

One of the most interesting yachts that have been fitted out in London this season is Mr. Gordon Selfridge's 900-ton steam yacht "Conqueror." In addition to its very luxurious equipment for pleasure travel, the "Conqueror" carries a Marconi wireless installation, which will enable Mr. Selfridge to keep in touch with his affairs while at sea.

In the course of demolition operations in Des Voeux Road West, the back portions of Nos. 310 and 312 collapsed and, the alarm being given, the Fire Brigade was rushed to the spot for the purpose of effecting the release of persons whom it was thought were underneath. It was found on arrival, however, that the house was unoccupied and that no-one had been entrapped by the falling debris.

With the object of recovering the treasure in the Spanish galleon Florentia, the Armada Salvage Company have commenced operations in Tobermory Bay. Colonel Foss is again in charge, and, with his wide experience in salvage work in Tobermory Bay, combined with that of Mr. Collett Whyte, Commander English, and Mr. Mackenzie, the well-known deep sea diver, great hopes are held of success.

In Dover Street, I came across an elderly man selling tortoiseshell, which he carried, about a dozen of them, in a basket. Trade did not seem to be brisk (says an "Evening Standard" writer). Who are the people who stop in busy London streets and buy tortoiseshell? And what does one do with a tortoise when it is bought? It is an awkward thing to carry about, and progress is slow if it is told to follow, like a dog, at one's heel. There is a tradition that a tortoise is a useful thing in a garden, because it eats up small creatures likely to damage the plants. But in point of fact a tortoise can do quite a lot of damage on its own account, before it creeps away to an obscure corner and mysteriously dies. It has, however, the virtue of not being noisy.

One case of enteric fever, Chinese, was notified yesterday.

President Coolidge, messages from Washington state, has ordered the abandonment of the scheme drawn up by the United States Shipping Board for the expenditure of \$50,000,000 on the construction of additional ships for the Government's commercial fleet.



Mme. Sun Yat-sen, widow of the late founder of the Nationalist Government in China, in her latest picture. She is a member of the political council, the supreme body of the Nationalist Government.

In the House of Lords in mid-week Lord Ritchie of Dundee moved the second reading of the Mercantile Marine Memorial Bill, which has passed through the House of Commons. The Marquis of Salisbury said when memorials were being erected to brave men who died in the war it would have been impossible to leave out the men of the great Mercantile Marine. The bill was read a second time.

Mrs. Martha Powis, aged 95 years, of Droitwich (Worcester), claims to be the world's oldest mouth-organist, says the "Daily News." She places the instrument under her pillow, and, if she awakes during the night, lulls herself to sleep again with tunes ranging from grand opera to jazz.

The X-ray test which has just been applied to the box reported to have been Joanna Southcott's, suggests that it contains a collection of old rubbish and nothing of any particular value to the British people, though according to her predictions its contents were to save us from distress, remarks the "Daily Mail." But the fact is that Southcott boxes are quite numerous and no one has the slightest idea which is the genuine one, or whether any of them are genuine. The authenticity of the present box is by no means proved. Its lineage is not above suspicion. Its owner is anonymous and has gone away. Moreover, this box differs completely in appearance from another box, claiming to be Joanna's, which was photographed in 1919, and both these differ from yet a third box, which was photographed in 1915. All things considered, it looks as if practical jokers had been at work, trying to hoax simple people.

Some extraordinary cases of "nerves" were described by Dr. John Rickman, assistant medical officer for mental out-patients at St. Thomas's Hospital, June 1, at the resumed conference held at the Central Hall, Westminster, in connection with nursing and midwifery exhibition. Among the cases were the following:—A woman whose life was made a perfect nightmare as a result of the horror she had of number 13. This woman became obsessed with the idea that if she could only get over her fear of number 13 she would be quite well again. A man who was haunted by the idea that he was unworthy to be married, and also by the fear that when asked a question he might make a mistake in his reply instead of giving an exact answer. Another man who could only be happy and at peace when in prison because while he was "doing time" life held no responsibility for him. This man, in order to get into prison, was in the habit of committing small offences such as throwing a brick through a jeweller's window without the least intention of stealing anything.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Mr. Balfour Williamson, a Liverpool merchant, has purchased from the Countess of Carnarvon her sporting estate in Inverness-shire.

Mr. A. S. Jelf, formerly of the Malayan Civil Service and now Colonial Secretary of Jamaica, has been representing Jamaica at the Colonial Office Conference in London.

Mr. C. B. Cochran has fixed the date of Miss Lenglen's first appearances in England as a professional player of lawn-tennis (says the London "Evening News"). She is to appear, prior to playing in London, at Phyllis Court on the Wednesday and Saturday of Henley Regatta Week. She is to have some interesting opponents.

The tastes of the Duke of York are excellently displayed in the library that is now being prepared for his use in his new London home in Piccadilly (says the "Sunday Chronicle"). The lower part of the walls are being covered with open bookshelves of white enamel, while above these are being hung some fine old sporting prints that were wedding presents from the Pynchley and the West Norfolk Hunts.

Among the interesting Americans just now on this side are three merchant princes who each enjoy the remarkable record of having crossed the Atlantic more than two hundred times, said a Glasgow writer in mid-week. Mr. Robert Lloyd has actually made the little excursion from New York to London and Paris no less than 224 times. I am told that the lure in each instance is the surprising cleverness and enterprise we have shown in late years in the creation of novelties in the fancy trades. The three rich and influential travellers make huge purchases while they are over, and it is heavenly to know that they have never had to return empty handed.

Dr. George King of the C.I.M., whose death by drowning in the river has caused the deepest regret, was an "old boy" of Chiffo School. He was universally admired for his splendid qualities. His death while rescuing others from danger is a climax to an heroic career. His father, who was also a man of distinction, came to China as a missionary at the age of 19, for the China Inland Mission work. He was stationed at one time at Lao-ho-ou on the Han River, in North Kupeh, and afterwards went home to study at Edinburgh University, where he took brilliant medical degrees. He served for a time as medical officer at the Peking Syndicate mines in Honan. He married one of the four Misses Black, a well-known family.

The engagement is announced of Miss Majorie Fenton to Lieut. James Byrne of the British Legion Guard.

It is unusual for an institution to enjoy royal patronage twice in a single month, but such is the good fortune of the Royal Masonic Institute for Girls. Having had Princess Mary to distribute the prizes one week, the institute had a speech by the Prince of Wales at its annual festival at the Royal Albert Hall the next week.



Volodya Antonovitch, new Minister from Jugo Slavia to the United States, leaving the White House after presenting his credentials to President Coolidge.

Garden parties are comparatively new to the Court programme, but Their Majesties find this a very convenient way of entertaining. It enables them to receive a very large number of guests with a minimum of fatigue (says the London "Evening News"). Their example is now being followed by other members of the Royal family. The Prince of Wales contemplates a garden party in the grounds of Marlborough House a few weeks hence, while the Duke of Connaught may hold one at Clarence House before the close of the season. There is only to be one garden party at Buckingham Palace this year, at the end of July; another is included in Their Majesties' programme for Holyrood, and this function has been fixed for July 18.

Mr. G. E. Hubbard, of the Hong Kong and Shanghai Bank, Peking, and family are leaving for home on leave shortly.

Mr. John P. Kendrick, of Peking, was recently elected a Fellow of the Royal Society of Arts. Another election is that of Admiral Hideo Takeda, I.J.N. (retired), of Tokyo.

Ellen Wilkinson, with her close-cropped auburn hair, and summery green dress, was the coolest figure in the House of Commons the other day. She and Mrs. Hilton Phillips, by the way, are the only two of the five women M.P.s who favour the modern crop (says a "Star" writer). Miss Bondfield and Miss Susan Lawrence favour the "bun" while the Duchess of Atholl has her hair disposed in a roll at the back of her head. But however reactionary she may be in her style of hairdressing the Duchess of Atholl is, perhaps, one of the most progressive and least prejudiced of Mr. Baldwin's supporters, though her work as Parliamentary Secretary to the Minister of Education is performed with a minimum of advertisement. She is keenly interested in the sociological work of the League of Nations, and is a regular attendant at the meetings of the Institute of International Affairs, where she meets specialists of the other parties, including Dr. Hugh Dalton, M.P., who ranks even higher in the esteem of philosophers than he does in that of the exponents of Socialism in our time.

Now that Princess Elizabeth has returned to town with her Royal grandparents, the 3 o'clock crowds of kiddies have begun to collect again in the park, with the hope of seeing the Duchess of York's baby taking her afternoon drive (says a "Daily Chronicle" writer). The other day, too, there was a group of sightseers outside No. 145 Piccadilly. Somebody set the rumour floating that the Princess Elizabeth had gone into residence there. Actually the house is not yet out of the workmen's hands. Nor will the most important baby in the land go to live in a house "on her own." She will remain in the Queen's charge until Her Majesty hands her back to the Duchess of York. The fact that Princess Elizabeth is one of the most important personages in the news, and that Princess Mary's two boys and Lady Patricia Ramsay's son are also much discussed, suggests that this will be a season in which children will be prominent. No one knows quite how these things happen, but there are seasons when children are very much in the background, and other seasons when it is fashionable to be seen driving out with children and nursery fore is in demand at tea tables.

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SPORTS SECTION

WIMBLEDON.

SECOND ROUND PLAY AND RESULTS.

ONLY 3 BRITONS LEFT.

Wimbledon, June 21.
Sporadic weather left its mark on the Wimbledon crowds of women who flocked to witness the scheduled second round match on the centre-court between Betty Nuthall and Fraulein Aussem, aged 16 and 18 respectively. They were disappointed, rain curtailing the programme, but were consoled by glimpses of Miss Willis, Mrs. Godfree, Senorita de Alvarez, and the South African seventeen-year-old Miss Heine, all of whom were successful.

Mrs. Godfree and Senorita de Alvarez, who had byes in the first round, thus enter the third round.

The most surprising feature of the men's singles was the defeat of another seeded player, Raymond, who was beaten by the more accurate driving and greater patience of Crole Rees.

Tilden and Lacoste, the potential finalists, were not extended. Fritzsche, Dekehring and Kozeluh entered the third round, in which the British "hopes" are now limited to Crole Rees, Gregory and Kingsley.

Rain Stops Play.

Owing to the dull, showery and chilly weather the small outer courts were very slippery and play was stopped in several matches on account of rain.
Lacoste beat Jacob 2-6, 6-0, 6-3, 6-4.

Just Wins.

Borotra just scraped into the third round, defeating Radcliffe (England) 7-5, 3-6, 6-4, 6-4.
In the second round Cochet beat the Davis Cup player Turnbull 6-2, 6-0, 6-2, 6-3.
Tilden beat Poland (England) 6-0, 6-3, 6-1.
C. Kingsley beat K. Prasada (India) 6-1, 6-1, 6-2.
Hunter (America) beat Col. Kingscote 6-3, 6-3, 6-4.
Crole Rees defeated Raymond 2-6, 6-3, 4-6, 7-5, 6-2.

TENNIS CHAMPION.

G. F. COVEY RETAINS WORLD TITLE.

G. F. Covey, world's champion of tennis, successfully resisted the challenge of Pierre Etchebaster, tennis champion of France, at Prince's Club, Knightsbridge, winning his match by 7 sets to 1 and thus retaining the title which he first won in 1912.

Covey was leading by 6 sets to 2, when the last stage of the match was begun, so that he had to win one set only to make the championship secure. Etchebaster, on the other hand, had to win five consecutive sets to gain the title, a terrific task against a player of Covey's power.

It must be said that the Frenchman acquitted himself admirably (says the "Daily Telegraph" correspondent). He won two sets in succession, and was twice within an ace of winning the third, before accepting defeat. On the Saturday, for the first time in the match, he was definitely the superior player, but his old fault of making mistakes at a critical moment was, in the end, his undoing.

The chief feature of the three sets played on the last day was the way in which he used the hazard side galleries when defending a chase, a most paying gambit of the game, which is far too rarely employed.

Etchebaster is, at least, twelve years younger than the champion, and almost as much junior to Jack Souter, the American champion, so that he seems to be marked out for premier honours at the game before many years are past. For a first effort at the championship, his performance has been most encouraging. Throughout the match there has been but little between the two players in return and play on the floor. Covey has been rather the more accurate and the more powerful in his force for the winning openings, and has been safer at critical moments. To this last quality, above all, he owes his victory.

LOCAL TENNIS.

The following will represent the K.C.C. "A" team against the Hong Kong University on Saturday, at 4.30 p.m. on K.C.C. ground—E. C. Fincher, (capt.) and E. F. Fincher, W. Hyde and C. E. Millard, C. W. E. Bishop and L. Jack.

HOME CRICKET.

WEEK END COUNTY RESULTS.

YORKS' LOW SCORE.

London, June 21.
Essex, at Chelmsford, defeated Hampshire by 59 runs.
Essex scored 280 (Russell 127, C. Ashton 86), while taking six wickets for 71. In their second innings Essex made 174 (Russell 60), Kennedy taking five wickets for 67. Hampshire scored 249 (Mead 79, Parker 58) and 127, Nichols taking nine wickets for 59.

Somerset, at Taunton, defeated Somersetshire by 138 runs.
Derby made 213 (Bowden 90) and 181, while taking eight wickets for 62 runs.
Somerset responded with 148 (Lee 54), Shardlow taking four wickets for 35 and Slater four for 33, and 108.

The match between Surrey and Oxford University at the Oval was drawn, rain stopping play.
Oxford made 228 (Butterworth 110) and 287 for four declared (Crawley 150, Cazalet 66).
Surrey scored 206 (Ducat 50, Jardine 53) and 21 for one.

Lancs. Lost Points.
Kent took first innings points from Lancashire at Maidstone.
The home county scored 441 (Chapman 260, Legge 101), Tyldesley taking five wickets for 94, and 239 for three, when they declared. Ashdown making 86 not out and Evans 143.

Lancashire replied with 329 (Hallows 82, Eckersley 73 not out) and 115 for two (Hallows 57 not out).
Win For Sussex.
Sussex, at Horsham, gained a first innings victory over Warwickshire.

Sussex scored 515 (Tate 72, Cook 84, Bowley 176, A. H. Gilligan 78) and Warwick replied with 317 (Croom 84, Wyatt 88 not out) and followed on, making 201 for four (Kilner 55, Parsons 56 not out).
Low Scoring.
Gloucestershire, at Pontypool, took first innings points from Worcestershire.

Worcestershire made 139. Mercer taking six for 49, and 135 for eight, Ryan taking five for 42.
Gloucestershire scored 145. Root taking five wickets for 45 runs.
Yorkshire Defeated.
Middlesex at Lords defeated Yorkshire by six wickets.
Yorkshire made 81 in the first innings, Haig taking seven wickets for 33 and Durston three for 27, and 262 (Kilner 53) Lee taking three wickets for two runs.

Middlesex replied with 178 (Lee 52), Macneely taking five wickets for 47, and 169 for four (Hendren 68 not out).
Points for Notts.
Nottinghamshire gained first innings points from Leicestershire at Nottingham.
Notts scored 320 (Whysall 84, Payton 80) Astill taking four wickets for 42, and 275 for six declared (Whysall 85, Walker 91).
Leicestershire made 243 (Shipman 51) and 297 for nine (Shipman 50, Astill 121 not out), Larwood taking six wickets for 74 runs.

OFFER TO WALKER.

JOE DUNDEE WANTS FIGHT (IN U.S.A.)

Baltimore, June 21.
Joe Dundee's manager has cabled Mickey Walker's manager in London offering either \$75,000 or 30 per cent. of the proceeds (as Walker prefers) for a middleweight championship bout here in August.
—Reuter.



William "Young" L. Stribling, well-known boxer, and contender for Gene Tunney's heavyweight crown, takes it upon himself to teach Dorothy Knapp, acclaimed by many art critics as the American Venus, the art of self-defence. After a few pointers by Stribling, they engaged in a friendly bout.

THE ALL-ROUNDER.

PLAYING FOR SPORT, NOT POTS.

BRITISH ACHIEVEMENTS.

Mr. G. C. Newman's achievement in winning the London Athletic Club's Challenge Cup for the 120 yards' hurdle race at Stamford Bridge and then proceeding to make 92 runs for his University cricket eleven the next day against Lancashire, the champion county, is the sort of thing that passes almost unnoticed in England, but would cause considerable excitement in most other countries. In America particularly is the cobbler expected to stick to his last. Once an athlete always the same sort of athlete is too often their motto. It is only in this country that a man is encouraged to be Jack of all sports (says the "Daily Telegraph").

LAWN BOWLS.

Will Club Secretaries or Bowls Conveners kindly send in teams for Saturday's League games in time to be published in our issue of Friday?

graph", so that he may become master of more than one. If you find an Englishman pre-eminently in one branch of sport the odds are greatly on his being equally pre-eminently in another. Sir Thomas Devitt and Mr. C. E. W. Mackintosh find themselves at one season of the year opposing each other as rival three-quarters on the Rugby football field, at another season the same pair are to be found attempting to out-jump each other for the honour of their respective Universities at Queen's Club, and at yet another you may find them in alliance in Switzerland dashing over the snow on ski in their efforts to defeat the Swiss Universities.

Fosters and Ashtons.
Mr. H. A. Gilbert, in the intervals of chasing golden eagles, would descend upon Lord's and howl with devastating success for the Gentlemen against the Players, and then retire once more to his fastness to pursue his other sports. Squire Osbaldeston was as respectable an opponent with a cricket bat as he was on a horse. One has only to think of the records of the Fosters and the Ashtons to see how success in cricket seems to go hand-in-hand with success on the football-field, and in the racquet court.

The truth is, of course, that we are a race of natural sportsmen. We make ourselves masters of our games by refusing to give allegiance to one at the expense of all the rest. We are told that golf spoils our cricket, and cricket our golf, but so long as our wrists are supple and eyes alert we go from cricket to fencing, from tennis to golf, forgetting the ambition to attain supremacy in the sheer joy of variety.

We do not so much wish to attain proficiency as to enjoy ourselves, and proficiency comes unbidden. This does not mean that we do not train strenuously or play seriously. It means that we find time to jump hurdles in the intervals between net-practice, to put on running-shoes as well as boxing-gloves. We refuse to be the slaves of one pastime. The man who lives for one sport only is often found to be none too good at that, and surpassed easily by the sportsman whose aim is "to knock a ball about for fun."

To make of sport a science so intricate that to succeed in it a man has to become a research student robs it of all its enjoyment, and brings in its train staidness and all unprofitableness. It even tends to turn a man into a pot-hunter, which is the very antithesis of all sport.

BALDOCK'S WIN.

HOW LONDON BOXER BEAT BELL.

A THRILLING FIGHT.

After one of the finest, prettiest, and most thrilling fights ever seen in this country Teddy Baldock, of Poplar, London, won the bantam-weight championship of the world at the Albert Hall, London, by defeating Archie Bell, of Brooklyn, New York on points in a 15-rounds contest.

I have never in all my experience of pugilism seen fighting like that in the last two rounds. Bell, conscious that he was far behind on points, became an infuriated fighting demon and strove desperately to gain a knock-out. The din was deafening for the full six minutes, but although Baldock was rushed and punched as he has never been rushed and punched before, he stood his ground and battled back with gameness and skill.

Then came a silence that was as remarkable as the tumult that preceded it. It was broken by another demonstration when the verdict was announced.

Uncanny Intuition.

Baldock was as good and as clever and as uncannily intuitive of what his opponent would do as was Jimmy Wilde at his best. In the first round he certainly did make the mistake of trusting too much to his right, but it was noticeable that after Wilde went up to his corner and spoke to him he changed his tactics entirely. He adopted another stance, moved about with the rapidity of a flash, and depended almost solely on his wonderful straight left.

But six rounds passed before he settled down to his customary stride. By then the strip of plaster over the American's nose had been knocked off, while there was a ridge of colour forming beneath his left eye.

It was evident by that time, however, that Bell was the best American bantam-weight ever seen in Great Britain—better even than Pete Herman, who defeated Wilde.

He was not so spectacularly rapid or so elegant of movement as Baldock, but he was equally as fast, without expending so much energy.
Baldock Brilliant.
In the seventh round the boy Londoner suddenly dashed into his most brilliant form. He scored at will with straight lefts, but only once, in the twelfth round, did he catch Bell flush on the jaw with his right. The blow steadied and slowed the American for an instant, but he supplied proof of his astonishing strength by again making the pace.

It seemed to me from the start that Baldock was too finely drawn to have much of a reserve of strength (his ribs were plainly showing), and it was therefore not very surprising when in the thirteenth round he showed faint signs of distress after a bout of infighting.

But his greatest trial came in the 14th and 15th rounds. These were furious to a degree, but I think they were the only two that the American clearly won. In at least 10 of the remainder he was outpointed.

It was a great fight and the setting was in keeping with it. Every seat was occupied, the streets outside the building were packed, and over 5,000 ticketless people failed to gain admission.—"Daily Mail."

MOTOR RACING.

SEGRAVE TO DEFEND TITLE.

Daytona Beach, June 21.
Major Segrave, who was understood to have retired, has sent a letter to the secretary of the local Chamber of Commerce announcing his intention to defend his title early in 1928, on the occasion of the 25th anniversary of the revival of hard beach racing here. Malcolm Campbell, holder of the English record, is probably also competing.—Reuter.

Segrave's Denial.

Later.
Major Segrave through Reuter, denies the above.

SUNRISE AND SUNSET IN HONG KONG FOR JUNE, 1927.

Date	Sunrise	Sunset
June 22	5.39	7.10
" 23	5.40	7.10
" 24	5.40	7.10
" 25	5.40	7.10
" 26	5.40	7.11
" 27	5.40	7.11
" 28	5.41	7.11
" 29	5.41	7.11
" 30	5.41	7.11

MARRIED WOMEN.

SECRETS OF THE FEMALE HEART.

THE RIGHT TO A CAREER.

"I was glad to come back into school, for I always loved teaching; but I can confidently say that I never enjoyed scrubbing a floor in my life."

The present writer (says A. Helen Ward in the "Manchester Guardian"), remembers seeing a film some time ago in which an elegant heroine is represented as elegantly scrubbing a floor, and the caption ran "Woman's happiness!" The sentiment quoted at the beginning of this article is not so much unpopular as hardly intelligible to thousands of honest male citizens, excellent husbands whose hearts are warmed by the cinema caption as illustrated. Yet if the secrets of female hearts were revealed there would be found a remarkably large number to echo the words "I was glad to scrub a floor."

There must be some reason for the violence of feeling aroused, and this reason surely is the uneasy conscience of men. So many men, good fellows and excellent husbands, hate the thought that there is anything which might rival, in the eyes of their wives, the attraction of their own personality. The instinct of self-protection is deeply embedded in animals, human and other, and one of the best ways of protecting oneself from anything unpleasant is to pretend, consciously or unconsciously, that the obnoxious thing is against morals or decorum. Hence civil services and local authorities, composed largely of middle-aged married gentlemen, enact that no woman lucky enough to have a husband shall continue in their employment.

The New Bill.
In order to enable these gentlemen, with the few ladies like-minded, to obtain release from the inhibitions of fear, a Bill is to be introduced shortly into the House of Commons described as "A Bill to Prevent the Refusal to Employ Women in the Public Service by Reason only of their being married."

At present, in the Civil Service and in the great majority of local authorities, the regulations are (1) that no married woman shall be employed, and (2) that all women shall resign on marriage. Most of these authorities permit the harmless married charwoman, because, it being obviously a woman's work to scrub stone floors and staircases, a dilemma is created. But the L.C.C. have made the supreme sacrifice to consistency, and they have doomed themselves to do without their charwomen.

Simple-minded persons had supposed that the Sex Disqualification (Removal) Act of 1919 provided a charter for the married woman in the words "a person shall not be disqualified by sex or marriage from the exercise of any public function." Cf. from being appointed to, or from entering or assuming or carrying on any civil profession or vocation." Yet high legal authority declares that in the sorcery of its phrases is to be found the only comfort it offers, for of practical protection it offers none.

The reasons for allowing a married woman to decide this matter for herself are overwhelming. Many women will decide to stay at home, some will decide otherwise. Some are better teachers or doctors because they have had experience with their own children. Some prefer to give their children a better chance in life than they had. Some are sick or unsteady husbands. Some have an absolute vocation for a certain career that is not to be repressed.

Freedom of Choice.
There are those who would admit a woman's right to engage in an occupation other than the domestic scrubbing and cooking, but it must not, they say, be "gratuitous." Two salaries, they say, ought not to go into a house. But this argument has the fatal objection that it proves too much. Just as the father of a family is not forbidden to become an explorer or a sailor, though it may mean years of absence from his home, neither is he forbidden to be a solicitor or a judge, though he may have married a rich wife, nor a miner. The common sense of ordinary people is sound when it says, in spite of an anomaly or even an injustice here or there, that these things are best left alone; not all fathers become explorers, not all marry rich wives, not all have sons. The women who support the forthcoming bill "to prevent the refusal to employ women in the public service by reason only of their being married" do not themselves all desire to go outside the home and engage in a gainful occupation; many wish to stay at home. But whatever their choice may be they claim that it should be a free choice—that the home

TIMID MORTALS.

A NEW END-OF-WORLD SCARE.

WILL COMET SHATTER EARTH?

Pons Winnecke, one of the 26 periodic comets that flash into our field of vision and disappear again into space on their eternal journey about the central sun, is to crash into the earth and demolish it.

Such, at least, is the prophecy given out by a Frenchman, and it is believed in by a large number of people who are becoming alarmed as the time draws near for this fiery monster to flash across the dome of our night-sky.
This is not the first time the coming of a comet has been awaited with apprehension. Portents in the sky, most of all comets, have always inspired dread and terror. Not so long ago astronomers believed that if one of these bodies crashed into the earth our planet would be annihilated. "It is now known that these bodies are gaseous, and the earth could pass through them without their injuring it."

Do They Affect Us?

But superstition dies hard. There are still many people who believe comets play a large part in human affairs. For instance when Halley's famous comet first appeared it so happened that the Turks had just captured Constantinople. The comet was blamed. People prayed to be saved from "The devil, the Turk and the comet."

Comets were regarded as signs in ancient times. In Scandinavia it was firmly believed that comets appeared when the King had committed some grave sin. Kings used to be deposed on the word of soothsayers, who interpreted the meaning of the flashing comet.
The coming of scientific astronomy has not dealt a death blow to the strange superstitions which follow the comet in its dazzling flight.

In France, for example, vine-growers will tell you the vintages of 1811 and 1858 are unique because, in those years, our globe passed through the tails of comets. The ozones of these comets made the grapes better than those of any other year, they say.

One of the most alarming prophecies of the earth's destruction caused tremendous excitement and alarm in the United States in 1922. Professor Porta, of Michigan University, predicted the end of the world for December, 1924. He based this belief on the malign effect upon the earth of the giant sun spots.

Another end-of-the-world scare occurred in 1923, when Dr. George Harding, brother of the late President Harding, predicted that the world would end before the conclusion of his brother's term as President of the United States.

Greatest of All Scares.

One of the greatest of all world scares was that which convulsed all Christendom on the eve of the year 1,000 A.D. The first day of that year was to usher in the Day of Judgment. People flocked to the churches, men immersed themselves in monasteries, women in nunneries, there was prayers and repentance. The day came and went. The old earth rolled on and fear passed.

Rather less than two centuries ago, Nicolas de Cusa similarly announced the end of all things. De Cusa was a cardinal, and his prophecy accordingly carried weight. His argument, too, was plausible. Briefly, he said the Flood occurred on the 34th jubilee of the Creation; therefore, the world would end on the 34th jubilee of Christianity. It did not.

There have been many similar scares, some based on a fallacious interpretation of the Scriptures; others upon the appearance of strange celestial bodies. The voice of accredited science is more comforting. According to Professor Nordmann, the French scientist, the earth is good for another ten thousand million years; Professor Flinders Petrie gives it almost as long a lease of life.

Thus the London correspondent of a Liverpool paper: "A friend, who is somewhat of a follower of fashions for men, has discovered, much to his consternation, that King George has appeared at a recent function in trousers which were flattened out—should one say—longitudinally, instead of in the more common latitudinal direction? In other words, he rather suggested that his Majesty's valet had placed the pants in the press the wrong way round. On inquiry I find that the late King Edward used to affect the side crease in trousers in place of the usual back and front edge, but whether it was done of malice aforethought or merely for a change never transpired. At any rate, I cannot see that a side crease would reduce the chance of 'bagging,' to avoid which, I am informed, is the reason for the creasing of trousers."

should not become a prison. No one loves a prison, but more men and women than might be supposed love their homes.

SHARE MARKET.

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Hong Kong, June 22, 1927, 10.00 a.m.

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H.K. & W. Docks \$38
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Shanghai Docks T107
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Hongkong Lands \$55 b \$55 1/2

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Oriental T2.10
Shai Cottons (Old) T52
do. (new) T26

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China Buses T7
H.K. Tramways \$204 b \$204.80
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do. (new) \$8
Singapore Trams 10/6
Taxis \$1

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do. (old) \$6.60
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FASHIONS AND FANCIES



Much time and skill are always expended upon the costume for fair days and the modistes of Paris create many interesting ensembles for each season of the year. However, the rainy day has come into its own. There are now to be found rain coats and rain accessories as smartly tailored and as skilfully devised as those that grace fair days.

Materials that were formerly unknown in the rainy season now appear fashioned in garments made to weather all storms. For instance, rubberised woollens, waterproofed crepe de chine, reps,

coverts and silks and satins are used successfully. All colours in these new waterproof fabrics are seen, too. They also have taken a leaf from fashion's note book and are guaranteed against losing one particle of their colour.

The straightline coat of very unbecoming lines has taken a very important place in rain coats. Now they are as skilfully designed along fashionable lines as any of the outer garments for fair days. The slicker, in its uncompromising straight lines which suggest the good old sou'wester, when accompanied by downturned hat and boots, makes a very chic appearance for real storms. It may be seen in all bright shades and often adds a belt to create an interesting appearance.

THE PAMPERED SEX.

Women have always shouldered the social responsibilities with a willing gesture (writes Jane Ramsey-Kerr in the "Evening Standard.") We seldom revolt against talking to dull, stupid, or selfish people. From our youth we have been taught that a smile and some chatter is the price we must pay to our hostess in return for an invitation. Therefore, when we go out in the social world we invariably make an effort to please, whether we find our vis-a-vis interesting or not.

What, however, do our men folk do? If they be seated next a pretty or amusing woman they play up and are seen at their best, but if the poor, hard-working dinner partner does not please, she is left in any doubt of her failure? No. The thundercloud descends, and the wife, mother, or sister who glances down the table has the disagreeable experience of seeing her Tom, Harry, or Will devouring his food in silence. He is bored, and he shows it—and no one resents the fact.

This is the real pampering of man. He demands to be amused in society, and no one blames him when he shows that he is not, and if you don't call that pampering, I don't know what is! The funny thing is that we all sit quietly and let the wisecracks circulate as a sex for our follies, our extravagances, and our turbulence, and never claim the right to show that we are bored. Honestly, I think we are a much more unselfish sex than any one gives us credit for.

For storms of less violence, however, there is a coat that is exceedingly new. It is a reversible garment with one side of either tweed plaided silk or novelty woolen and the other side of rubberised crepe de chine.

Leather, too, takes a smart place in rain coats. These, along very swaggy lines, come in belted models that defy the storms. Suedes, too, are waterproof and in addition may be seen in all colours and lend themselves to unusual tailoring. Pockets that are important, collars and belts are seen lending chic details to these coats.

For the really warm days where a rain coat is essential, but where weight and warmth are undesirable there is found a rubberised crepe de chine coat lined with rubber. These come in all colours, and the brighter they are the more pleasing they appear. Orange, rose, blue, green, yellow and reds are some of the favourite shades. In these coats all styles are possible. They add capes, unusual sleeves, different neck lines, scarfs, and sporting pockets at will.

Tweeds, which are waterproof, too, are found in all colours and are seen with equal smartness in suits as well as the coats usually associated with rain.

Tweed hats are also worn. They share their popularity with felt-hats in dark tones—and rubberised silk hats.

Shoes that range in size, from the tiny sandal for April showers to the ankle height articles which possess interesting features in their matching cuffs to the rubber envelope shoe which fits the foot as snugly as a glove are to be found

to accompany individual models. Gloves that shed the water may also be procured. They may be found in all colours, too, to carry out the ensemble note.

Scarfs in long strips or in squares come to add a colourful note at the neck. In either cashmere or surah silk they are very smart.

Colleen Moore, who finds it necessary to select an entire wardrobe for California's rainy season, uses many of the smart coats so recently introduced. Miss Moore, in her first National film, "Naughty but Nice," is seen smartly dressed for the rain.

QUEEN VICTORIA'S BONNET.

When I was making some hats for our young Princesses and for the Princess Royal's trousseau, I was asked if I would go to Marlborough House and see that they were all right when finished, and also would I send more on approval. This I did, and while waiting to see the Princesses, I sat with Lady Macclesfield, who was then waiting on Queen Alexandra, then Princess of Wales.

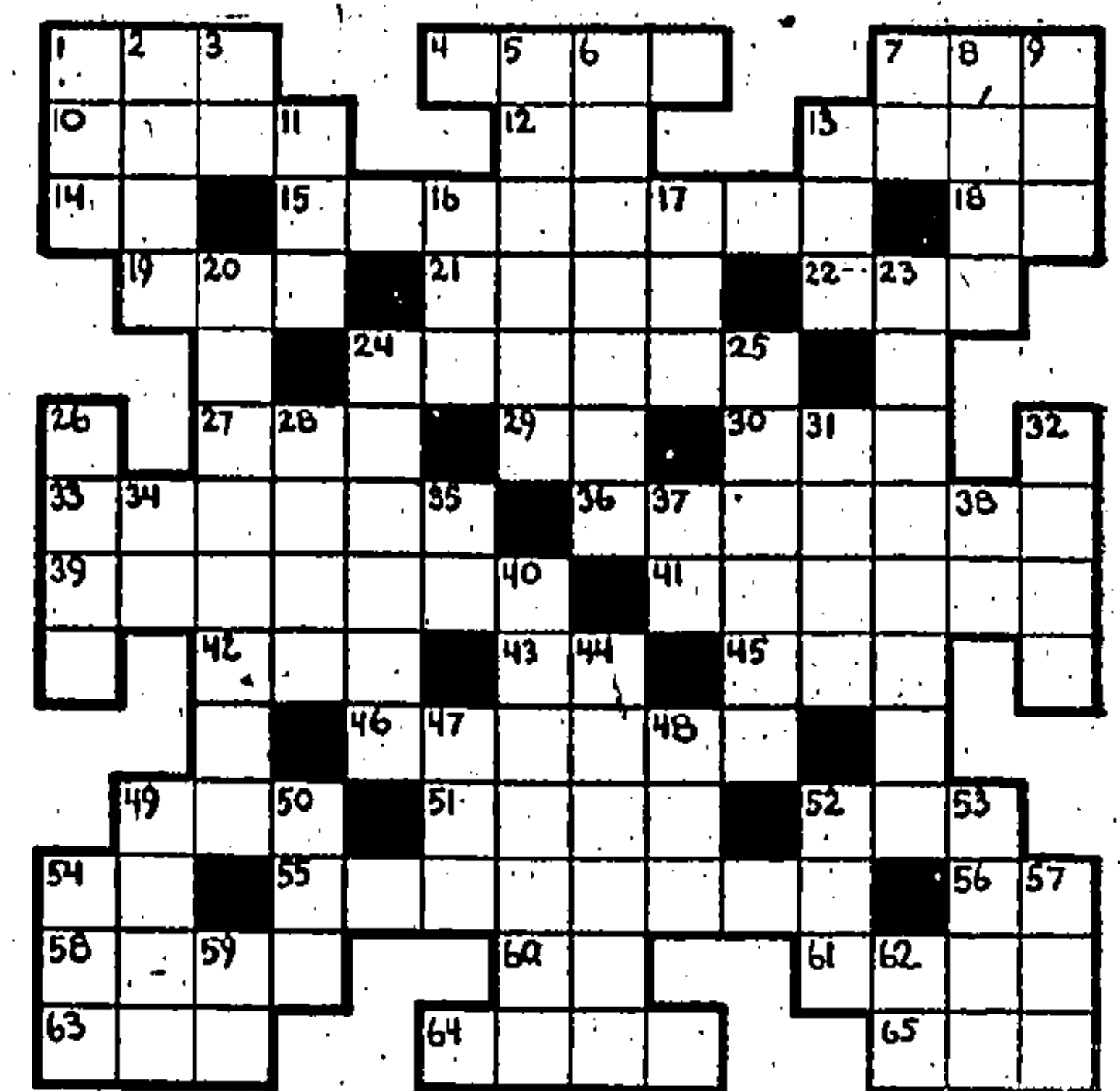
We sat in a drawingroom, reminding me of a station waiting-room. Lady Macclesfield was knitting garments for the poor. She was much intrigued with the way I tied my bonnet under my chin, and asked me to show her how it was done, as hers never looked so neat and nice. We spent a happy half-hour tying bows under each other's chins until I was told the Princesses were ready to see me.

Most of the confections I made were of the light and airy order. So when good, kind Queen Victoria, by way of helping me, asked, or I should say, commanded, me to make her a bonnet, my heart failed me. I did not know how to begin. I was saved by her thoughtfulness, for she had an old bonnet sent to me as a guide.

Even then I was entirely thrown out of my stride, for there was so much of it, it filled my lap. I found I had to make a funny little silk bag at the back to cover and embrace her hair. Over this a lace arrangement had to fall gracefully. I was proud and pleased that I should have been asked to make the bonnet, and most anxious that it should be a success, but was

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL

- 1-A Hawaiian food
- 4-An object of worship
- 7-To entitle
- 10-To elope
- 12-Epistle (abbr.)
- 13-To give medicine to
- 14-A time period (abbr.)
- 15-Celestial
- 18-Electrical engineer (abbr.)
- 19-Personal pronoun
- 21-A number
- 22-A sense organ
- 24-Situated within
- 27-A color
- 29-Prefix. Form of "in"
- 30-Initials of a great Scottish novelist
- 33-Nova Scotia (old name)
- 36-Vaster
- 38-To mention by implication
- 41-A French tax
- 42-Old form of "got"

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

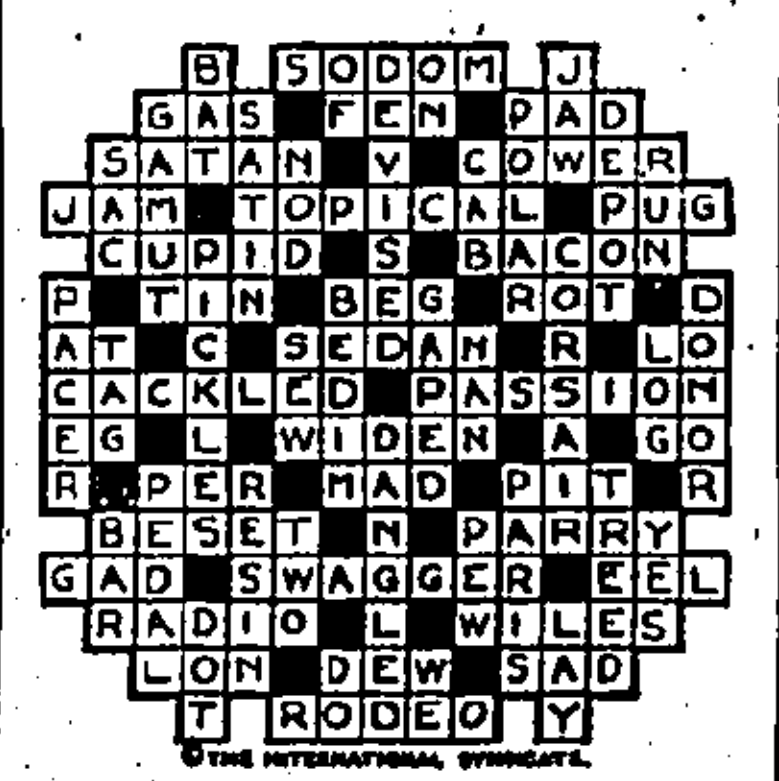
- 43-Thus
- 45-A drink
- 46-French for "sugar" (pl.)
- 49-A vegetable
- 51-A narrow way
- 52-Possessive pronoun
- 54-A musical note
- 55-Made ready
- 56-Pronoun
- 58-Lowest female voice
- 60-And (French)
- 61-Prefix. Against
- 63-Combining form. New
- 64-Paradise
- 65-A number

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 16-Girl's name
- 17-Short for "Edward"
- 20-An oration
- 22-To take away
- 24-Imbodies
- 26-Builds
- 28-To confront
- 29-Girl's name
- 31-Tardy
- 32-A journey
- 34-Prefix. With
- 35-Near
- 37-A land measure (abbr.)
- 38-Ex-officio (abbr.)
- 40-Got away
- 44-Artistically finished
- 47-A diminutive suffix
- 48-Ever (contr.)
- 49-A stake
- 50-Prefix. From
- 52-Girl's name
- 53-Local position
- 54-To winnow, as grain
- 57-A metal
- 59-in a direction toward
- 62-A part of the Bible (abbr.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES
Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. These will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn to still others. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

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"DUST AND DIN."

A VICAR AND THE AIR CHALLENGE.

The promoters of the Hampshire Air Pageant, which is to be held at Hamble, near Southampton, have received numerous letters of protest from Church organisations and churchgoers throughout the county upon having selected a Sunday for the event. A joint letter has been sent by the Bishop of Winchester (Dr. Theodore Wood) and the Rev. H. T. Spencer (president of the Hants Federation of Free Churches) and another by the Rural Dean of Southampton (the Rev. W. H. Chitty) and the Rev. G. Hartley Holloway (president of Southampton Free Church Council).

Referring to "Air Sunday" in a sermon, the vicar of Hound, the Rev. W. E. Henty Summers, whose parish adjoins the flying ground, said that he interpreted the pageant as a challenge to those who still held Christian belief in Sunday observance. "This great challenge has been thrown down and we must take it up," he declared. "Already the road traffic at the week-end during summer months has reached such proportions and involves so many accidents, that Sunday is becoming a day of death and danger, a day of dust and din. It almost looks as if those who want peace and quiet on a Sunday will have to burrow underground for it and spend their day in a dugout, as the Christians at Rome met for their services at the Catacombs."

HONG KONG HOTEL VISITORS.

June 17, 1927.

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WHERE WOMEN RULE

QUEER FASHIONS IN ASSAM HILLS.

Describing life in Assam, N.E. India, to the Royal Society of Arts, Adelphi, W.C., Mr. Basil Allen, late of the Indian Civil Service, said that among the Khasis, a hill tribe, the matriarchal system is still in force. Property belongs to the women; anything a man earns before marriage belongs to his mother, and after marriage to his wife. The men are extremely jolly, said Mr. Allen; the women, in spite of their privileged position, have lost none of their charm, and are no more logical or masculine than their sisters in less feminist countries. They wear a multitude of clothes, unlike their neighbours, the Garos, who wear extraordinarily little. A woman's dress is about 12in. long, a man's is even less.

Persons who are shocked at the scantiness of modern female dress should note, said Mr. Allen, that in the Assam hills the more clothes you wear the naughtier you are. Several thousands of Assam hill-men went to France in labour corps, and those who returned told their fellows something of the war—"and what a curious war it was! How men would be gathered together and a box would arrive and when the box was opened men died."

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BOY SHOT DEAD.

TRAGEDY BEFORE A CROWD.

Before the eyes of hundreds of people in the Kursaal Gardens, Southend, a 14-years-old boy was shot dead.

The boy, Eric George Henry Evers, who lived with his widowed mother in Southchurch Avenue, Southend, was watching a man firing at the shooting gallery when he was struck in the chest, falling to the floor, and dying within three minutes.

Isaac Jeff, of Russell Street, Stepney, E., was asked to accompany the police to the Central Station, where he was charged with manslaughter and released on bail.

It is alleged that he was firing in the gallery with a rifle loaded with six cartridges.

Several women who witnessed the tragedy fainted.

The boy, who was a scholar at the High School for Boys, West-cliff-on-Sea, had volunteered to assist the proprietor of the shooting gallery so as to help his mother.

SEARCH FOR MIZPAH.

GIGANTIC WALL FOUND IN PALESTINE.

Neither Jerusalem nor Megiddo ever had such a formidable city wall as that just unearthed at Tel-el-Nisbeth, seven miles north of Jerusalem, by the Mizpah expedition of the Pacific School of Religion, under the direction of Professor William B. E. D. The American Old Testament and archaeological authority.

The Professor has succeeded in clearing a section of the enclosing wall, which is still standing to a height of 20ft. from the foundations. The thickness of the wall ranges from 16ft. to 20 ft. The sloping revetment round one corner of the towers has a curved front 85ft. broad at the middle. The slope of the revetment, which projects 20ft. from the walls, shows that the wall must originally have been 20ft. higher.

The wall, which is of the bronze age type, dates probably from B.C. 1800. A peculiarly surprising feature is a smooth dressing of plaster made from finely levigated clay covering the whole exterior, the face giving the appearance of having been carved from bedrock as a solid whole.

The gigantic character of the wall raises a new question of identification. If the site is really that of Mizpah, it had a long pre-Israelite history, the deposits of pottery showing that it was inhabited at least as early as B.C. 5,000. Professor A. H. of Leipzig, suggests that Nisbeth is the real site of the Treasure City of Solomon.

BRIGHTER WEDDINGS.

BRIDEGROOMS GETTING MORE DRESSY.

London weddings are becoming more picturesque with the introduction of lighter-coloured waistcoats and trousers than have been the rule in the past, writes Fonthill Bedford in the "Daily Mail."

To-day Glenurquhart checks in black and white, black and grey, or steel grey-herringbone angos, are being worn by the younger set of men, who are also introducing a necktie of white silk or surah which may be knotted either Derby or York fashion. This latter shape is undoubtedly the smartest of all, and was much favoured by the present King when Duke of York, hence its name.

It is knotted in a similar manner to the Ascot, that is, two ends tied in a granny knot with the right hand side used as stuffing, the left turned over, apron fashion, and the tie held in position by a jewelled pin.

White kid gloves are also favourites this season, for chamolins and suede have the disadvantage of throwing off a dust.

White linen spats do not go well with the very light trousers, therefore the black patent leather button boot, having cream cloth uppers, or patent leather shoe, is most in evidence.

Add to all this a white button-hole, and sometimes a white, grey, or beige double-breasted waistcoat, and it will be seen that bridegrooms are surely dressing up. The black lounge jacket and waistcoat is not in keeping with a bride who wears the proverbial white.

I have been hearing of the extravagant luxuriance of certain wealthy visitors to the Riviera, who will stop at nothing to get the title of 'let they love' (says the "Sunday Chronicle"). One millionaire sends an aeroplane from France to a London firm for fresh English rolls, specially baked for him, each day. A woman in the South of France sends regularly to Paris for out-of-season delicacies to grace her dinner table, and frequently pays as much as seven shillings each for plover's eggs, eight shillings each for special peaches, and equally extravagant sums for strawberries.

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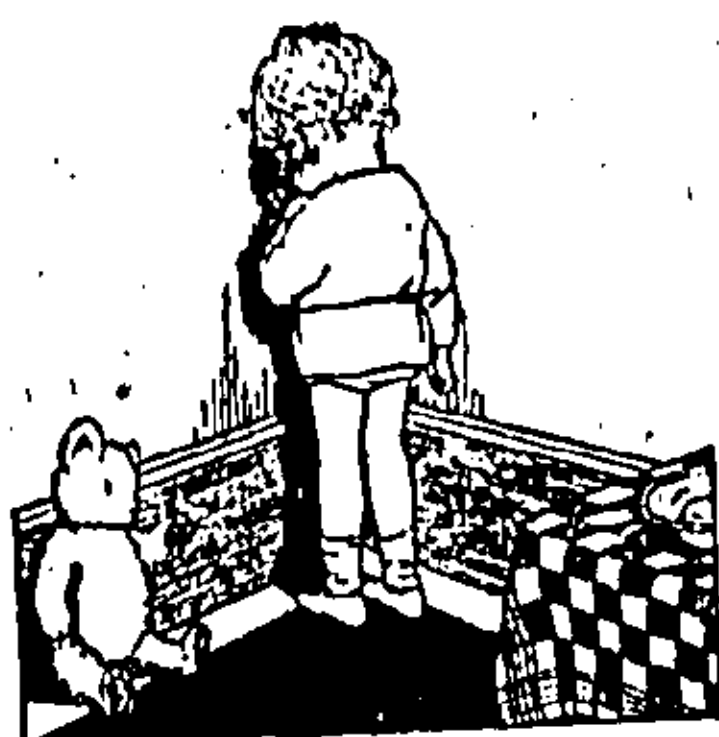
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INWARD MAILS.

From	WEDNESDAY, JUNE	Per
Suez & Straits	22	Patroclus.
Shanghai	23	Shantung.
Europe via Suez (letters & Papers London 26th May & Parcel London 19th May)	23	Macedonia.
Straits	24	Helenus.
Shanghai	24	Linan.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	24	Mantua.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	24	Faida.
Canada, U.S.A., Japan & Shanghai	27	Empress of Asia.

OUTWARD MAILS.

For	WEDNESDAY, JUNE	Per	Time
Saigon	22	Yuen Jeng	4.30 p.m.
Japan	22	Macassar Maru	5 p.m.
Java via Sourabaya	23	Tjisalar	10.30 a.m.
*Straits & Bombay	23	Indus Maru	10.30 a.m.
Swatow	23	Chinkiang	10.30 a.m.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels Noon.			
Letters 1 p.m.			
Saigon	24	Kutang.	2.30 p.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	24	Prominent	3.30 p.m.
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	24	Patroclus	5 p.m.
Hai Phong	24	Mingsang	8.30 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	24	Macedonia	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	24	Hai Hong	Noon
Manila & parcels for Germany via Hamburg	24	Tirpitz	3.30 p.m.
Shanghai	24	Gleniffer	5 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & Europe via Marseilles—due Marseilles 22nd July. G.P.O.—			
Parcels 5 p.m. Registration 10.30 a.m. K.P.O.—Parcels 4.30 p.m. Registration (26th) 9 a.m. Letters 10.30 a.m.			
Shanghai & Europe via Siberia	25	Mantua	2.30 p.m.
Straits & Calcutta. Parcels 4 p.m. Letters 5 p.m.			
Bangkok	26	Sui Sang.	5 p.m.
*Swatow & Bangkok	26	Klungchow	5 p.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Formosa	26	Kaying	8.30 a.m.
Bangkok	27	Kaljo Maru	9 a.m.
Formosa	27	Chinhwa	5 p.m.
Shanghai, Japan & Europe via Siberia	28	Korea Maru	8.30 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy & Foochow	28	Kitaro Maru	10.30 a.m.
Manila	28	Hai Ching	Noon
	28	Empress of Asia	3.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

NAVAL PARLEY.

Experts To Clear the
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GETTING DOWN TO FACTS.

Geneva, June 21.
This morning's meeting of the Executive Committee of the Conference decided in favour of meeting the naval experts of the three Powers to consider various plans. A communique in this connection says: "With a view to the proper consideration of the proposals by the British, American and Japanese Governments it is suggested that a technical committee be formed to exchange agreed statistics with regard to the present cruiser, destroyer and submarine tonnage of each of the three Powers and the designed tonnage of ships of these classes comprised by the programmes now authorised and appropriated for, and any other information tending to clarify the proposals of the three Governments. Thus the conference will be in a position to start deliberations on an agreed basis of fact."—Reuter.

AMERICAN COMMENT.

New York Papers' Hopes For Success.

New York, June 22.
The newspapers give prominence to detailed accounts of the opening of the naval conference at Geneva.
The "New York Times" says that as each party only desires guarantees for security the prospect of carrying the uncompleted work of the Washington Conference to a happy conclusion should be bright.
The "New York World" remarks that the Powers tabled their programmes at Geneva with a frankness which promises business-like despatch.
The British suggestion to cut battleship tonnage, adds the paper, may be objected to as reopening the Washington Treaty, but it re-opens it in the right direction. — Reuter's American Service.

LOSS TO JAPAN.

Tokyo Newspapers Far From Satisfied.

Tokyo, June 21.
The news of the disarmament proposals arrived too late for the Press to make any comment in to-day's issues, but advance copies of to-morrow's editorials show that the vernacular papers are far from satisfied, characterising the American proposals as a "sort of restricted armament expansion."
The "Hochi" avers that the application of the 5-5-3 ratio would entail more loss to Japan than either America or Britain. Consequently the paper asks the British and Americans to consider Japan's stand more seriously.
The "Asahi" emphasising that the present conference is distinguished from the Washington parley by each participant submitting its own proposals at the outset, thinks the differences can only be smoothed out by a spirit of co-operation and a sincere desire for peace.
The journal, however, profoundly regrets that the Japanese delegates did not touch on the question of the fortifications at Singapore and Hawaii, as "the present gathering affords a very opportune moment to discuss and solve once and for all the basic problems of the Pacific."—Reuter.

Further Criticism.

Later.
The Tokio "Jiji" "Nichi Nichi" and "Kokumin" express similar sentiments as the "Asahi" and "Hochi" regarding the proposals submitted at Geneva.
They are astonished at the American proposals to apply the 5-5-3 ratio which it is considered will make smooth progress difficult while only benefitting America.—Reuter.

TO-DAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, on demand, to-day was 1/11 15/16

EARLIER MESSAGES.

Opinion of British Naval Experts.

Geneva, June 21.
Comparing the three sets of proposals, British naval experts declare that the British are a definite advance on Washington in so far as they are more comprehensive than the American whereby the extension of the 5/5/3 ratio to lighter craft would enable America to add considerably to her cruiser tonnage which Britain would have to reduce. The Japanese proposals are based on existing strengths with an age limit giving vessels a shorter life. The cost to the taxpayer would be much more than the British.

Mr. Gibson, in a Press interview, expressed the opinion that if the American plan on the basis of the higher figures proposed for cruisers and destroyers were adopted, America must scrap 60,000 tons of auxiliary surface vessels and 80,000 tons additional, when and if the present building programme was completed, while Britain and Japan must scrap 60,000 and 40,000 tons respectively when their programme were completed. He concluded that the plan would check competitive building, avoid the scrapping of new construction and permit moderate replacement of building programmes within clearly defined limits.—Reuter's American Service.

Japan's Attitude.

Tokyo, June 21.
The Navy Office spokesman speaking to the Press representatives reiterated the views sent earlier and added that he considered that Japan would be unable to accept the British proposition for prolonging the naval holiday in connection with battleship construction without reservations. He also expressed the belief that the proposal to limit the calibre to thirteen and a half inches would be unacceptable to Japan.—Reuter.

Tokyo Comment.

Tokyo, June 21.
Though the official report has not yet been received, Navy officials, commenting on the Press reports from Geneva, express dissatisfaction with the American proposal to apply the 5/5/3 ratio to auxiliary vessels and disapprove of the proposal to abolish submarines. They also think it undesirable to touch on questions already settled by the Washington agreement as proposed by Britain.—Reuter.

SOLDIER BITTEN.

A mongrel puppy belonging to Ah Fook, of the 38th Battery, has been removed to Ma Tau Kok Hospital, having bitten a European soldier named G. Ford, of the same battery.

\$450 STOLEN.

Mr. Makeyama, of 20, Macdonnell Road, reports that between 5 and 6 p.m. on June 21, \$450 worth of money jewellery and clothing was stolen from his house.

A social gathering will be held in St. John's Cathedral Hall, on Sunday next, June 26, after Evening song (6 p.m.). A cordial welcome will be extended to all Service Men and others. There will be music and light refreshments.

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DEPARTURE.

Passengers departed from Hong Kong by s.s. "Angers" for Saigon and Marseilles, were:—Mr. M. V. Arguelles, Mr. A. M. Xavier, Mr. C. S. Nichols, Mr. Elie Levy, Rev. Father G. Tesselar, Rev. Father F. van de Pol, Rev. Father Jose Croonen, Mr. R. Flohri, Mr. Le Bris, Mr. J. Tirilly.

WEATHER FORECAST.

S.W. variable winds, moderate; fair to showery, is the forecast for the twenty-four hours ending at noon to-morrow.

A typhoon may be forming to the N.E. of Luzon.

An anticyclone is central to the north of Japan.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. this morning: barometer, 29.68; temperature, 83; humidity, 80; wind, S.S.W. (force 3).

KNOCKED DOWN.

A Chinese male has been admitted to the Government Civil Hospital suffering from injuries received as a result of being knocked down by motor cycle 556, driven by Mr. G. H. F. McClay, of 15, Felix Villas, Mount Davis Road. The man was knocked down on the main road.

Cutlery and silver ware to the value of \$120 has been stolen from 44, Caine Road, according to a report to the police by the occupants.

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